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METHOD

FOR

PRAYER,

WITH

Scripture Expreſſions

Proper to be us'd under each HEAD.

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REligion is ſo much the Buſineſs of our Lives, and the Worſhip of God ſo much the Buſineſs of our Religion, that what hath a ſincere Intention, and probable Tendency, to promote and aſſiſt the Acts of Religious Worſhip (I think) cannot be unacceptable to any that heartily wiſh well to the Intereſts of God's Kingdom among Men: For if we have ſpiritual Senſes exercis'd, true Devotion, that aſpiring Flame of pious Affections to God, as far as in a Judgment of Charity we diſcern it in *others* (though in different Shapes and Dreſſes, which may ſeem *uncouth* to one another) cannot but appear *beautiful and amiable*, and as far as we feel it in *our own Breaſts*, cannot but be found very *pleaſant* and *comfortable*.

Prayer is a principal Branch of Religious Worſhip, which we are mov'd to by the very Light of Nature, and oblig'd to by ſome of its fundamental Laws. *Pythagoras*'s Golden Verſes begin

with this Precept, whatever Men made a God of they pray'd to; *Deliver me, for thou art my God*, Isa. 44. 17. Nay, whatever they pray'd to, they made a God of—*Deos qui rogat ille facit.* 'Tis a Piece of Respect and Homage so exactly consonant to the natural Ideas which all Men have of God, that it is certain those that *live without Prayer live without God in the World.*

Prayer is the solemn and religious offering up of devout Acknowledgments and Desires to God, or a sincere Representation of holy Affections, with a Design to give unto God the Glory due unto his Name thereby, and to obtain from him promised Favours, and both thro' the Mediator. Our *English* Word *Prayer* is too strait, for that properly signifies *Petition* or *Request*; whereas humble Adorations of God, and Thanksgivings to him, are as necessary in Prayer, as any other part of it. The *Greek* Word Προσευχὴ from Εὐχὴ is *a Vow directed to God.* The *Latin* Word *Votum* is used for Prayer: *Jonah*'s Mariners with their Sacrifices *made Vows*; for Prayer is to *move* and *oblige* our selves, not to *move* and *oblige* God. *Clemens Alexandrinus, Serm. 7. p. 722. Edit. Colon.* calls Prayer (with an Excuse for the Boldness of the Expression) Ὁμιλία πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν; 'tis *conversing with God*: And it is the

the Scope of a long Diſcourſe of his there to ſhew that his ὁ Γνωστικὸς; *i. e.* his *Believer* (for Faith is called Knowledge, and *p.* 719. he makes his Companions to be οἱ ὁμοίως πεπιστευκότες, thoſe that have *in like manner believed*) lives a Life of Communion with God, and ſo is praying always; that he ſtudies by his Prayers continually to converſe with God. Some (ſaith he) have their ſtated Hours of Prayer, but he πᾶν ὅλον εὔχεται τὸν βίον, *prays all his Life long*. The Scripture deſcribes Prayer to be our *drawing near* to God, *lifting up our Souls* to him, *pouring out our Hearts* before him.

This is the Life and Soul of Prayer; but this Soul in the preſent State muſt have a Body, and that Body muſt be ſuch as becomes the Soul, and is ſuited and adapted to it. Some Words there muſt be, of the Mind at leaſt, in which, as in the Smoke, this Incenſe muſt aſcend; not that God may *underſtand us*, for our *Thoughts afar off* are known to him, but that we may the better *underſtand our ſelves*.

A Golden Thread of Heart-Prayer muſt run thro' the Web of the whole Chriſtian Life; we muſt be frequently addreſſing our ſelves to God in ſhort and ſudden *Ejaculations*, by which we muſt keep up our Communion with God in

Providences and common Actions, as well as in Ordinances and religious Services. Thus Prayer must be *ſparſim* (a ſprinkling of it) in every Duty, and *our Eyes* muſt be *ever towards the Lord.*

In *Mental* Prayer Thoughts are Words, and they are the *Firſt-born* of the Soul, which are to be conſecrated to God. But if when we pray alone we ſee cauſe for the better fixing of our Minds, and exciting of our Devotions, to cloath our Conceptions with Words; if the Conceptions be the genuine Products of the new Nature, one would think Words ſhould not be far to ſeek: *Verbaque præviſam rem non invita ſequuntur.* Nay, if the *Groanings* be ſuch *as cannot be utter'd*, he *that ſearcheth the Heart* knows them to be *the Mind of the Spirit*, and will accept of them, *Rom.* 8. 26, 27. and anſwer the *Voice of our Breathing*, Lam. 3. 56. Yet through the Infirmity of the Fleſh, and the Aptneſs of our Hearts to wander and trifle, it is often neceſſary that Words ſhould *go firſt*, and be kept in mind for the directing and exciting of devout Affections, and in order thereunto the Aſſiſtance here offer'd I hope will be of ſome uſe.

When we join with others in Prayer, who are our Mouth to God, our Minds muſt attend *them*, by an intelligent believing Concurrence with that which is

the Senſe and Scope and Subſtance of what they ſay, and Affections working in us ſuitable thereunto: And this the Scripture directs us to ſignify, by ſaying *Amen* mentally, if not vocally, *at their giving of Thanks*, 1 Cor. 14. 16. And as far as our joining with them will permit, we may intermix pious Ejaculations of our own, with their Addreſſes, provided they be pertinent, that not the leaſt Fragment of Praying Time may be loſt.

But he that is the Mouth of others in Prayer, whether in publick or private, and therein uſeth that παῤῥησία, that *Freedom of Speech*, that holy Liberty of Prayer which is allow'd us (and which we are ſure many good Chriſtians have found by Experience to be very comfortable and advantageous in this Duty) ought not only to conſult the Workings of his own Heart (tho' them principally, as putting moſt Life and Spirit into the Performance) but the Edification alſo of thoſe that join with him; and both in Matter and Words ſhould have an Eye to that; and for Service in that Caſe I principally deſign this Endeavour.

That bright Ornament of the Church, the Learned Dr. *Wilkins*, Biſhop of *Cheſter*, hath left us an excellent Performance much of the ſame Nature with

this, in his *Diſcourſe concerning the Gift of Prayer*; which, ſome may think, makes this of mine unneceſſary: But the multiplying of Books of Devotion is what few ſerious Chriſtians will complain of. And as on the one Hand I am ſure thoſe that have *this* poor Eſſay of mine will ſtill find great Advantage by *that*, ſo on the other Hand I think thoſe who have *that* may yet find ſome further Aſſiſtance by this.

It is deſirable that our Prayers ſhould be *copious* and *full:* Our Burthens, Cares and Wants are many, ſo are our Sins and Mercies. The Promiſes are numerous and very rich, our God gives liberally, and hath bid us *open our Mouths wide*, and he will *fill them*, will *ſatisfy them with good Things.* We are not ſtraiten'd in him, why then ſhould we be ſtinted and ſtraiten'd in our own Boſoms? Chriſt had taught his Diſciples the Lord's Prayer, and yet tells them (*John* 16. 24.) that *hitherto they had ask'd nothing*, *i. e.* nothing in compariſon with what they ſhould aſk when the *Spirit* ſhould be *pour'd out*, to *abide* with the Church *for ever*; and they ſhould *ſee greater things than theſe.* Then *aſk, and ye ſhall receive, that your Joy may be full.* We are encourag'd to be *particular* in Prayer, and *in every thing to make our Requeſt known to God*, as we ought alſo

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to be particular in the Adoration of the Divine Perfections, in the Confeſſion of our Sins, and our thankful Acknowledgments of God's Mercies.

But ſince at the ſame time we cannot go over the tenth Part of the Particulars which are fit to be the Matter of Prayer, without making the Duty burthenſome to the Fleſh, which is weak, even where the Spirit is willing (an Extreme which ought carefully to be avoided) and without Danger of intrenching upon other religious Exerciſes, it will be requiſite that what is but *briefly touch'd upon* at one time, ſhould be *enlarg'd upon* at another time: And herein this Storehouſe of Materials for Prayer may be of uſe to put us in remembrance of our ſeveral Errands at the Throne of Grace, that none may be quite forgotten.

And it is requiſite to the decent Performance of the Duty, that ſome proper *Method* be obſerv'd, not only that what is ſaid be *good*, but that it be ſaid in its proper Place and Time; and that we offer not any thing to the glorious Majeſty of Heaven and Earth, which is confus'd, impertinent, and indigeſted. Care muſt be taken then more than ever, that we be not *raſh with our Mouth, nor haſty to utter any thing before God*; that we ſay not what comes uppermoſt, nor uſe ſuch Repetitions as evidence not the

Fervency,

Fervency, but the Barrenneſs and Slightneſs of our Spirits; but that the Matters we are dealing with God about being of ſuch vaſt Importance, we obſerve a *Decorum* in our Words, that they be well choſen, well weigh'd, and well plac'd.

And as it is good to be *methodical* in Prayer, ſo it is to be *ſententious*: The Lord's Prayer is remarkably ſo; and *David*'s Pſalms, and many of St. *Paul*'s Prayers, which we have in his Epiſtles: We muſt conſider that the greateſt Part of thoſe that join with us in Prayer will be in danger of loſing or miſtaking the Senſe, if the Period be long, and the Parentheſes many; and in this, as in other things, they that are ſtrong ought to bear the Infirmities of the Weak: *Jacob* muſt lead as the Children and Flocks can follow.

As to the Words and Expreſſions we uſe in Prayer, tho' I have here in my Enlargement upon the ſeveral Heads of Prayer confin'd my ſelf almoſt wholly to Scripture Language, becauſe I would give an Inſtance of the Sufficiency of the Scripture to furniſh us for every good Work, yet I am far from thinking but that it is convenient and often neceſſary to uſe other Expreſſions in Prayer, beſides thoſe that are purely Scriptural; only I would adviſe that the *Sacred* Dialect be moſt uſed, and made familiar to

us and others in our Dealing about *Sacred* Things; that Language Chriſtian People are moſt accuſtom'd to, moſt affected with, and will moſt readily agree to; and where the Scriptures are open'd and explain'd to the People in the Miniſtry of the Word, Scripture Language will be moſt intelligible, and the Senſe of it beſt apprehended. This is *ſound Speech that cannot be condemn'd.* And thoſe that are able to do it may do well to enlarge by way of Deſcant or Paraphraſe upon the Scriptures they make uſe of; ſtill ſpeaking according to that Rule, and comparing ſpiritual things with ſpiritual, that they may illuſtrate each other.

And it is not to be reckon'd a perverting of Scripture, but is agreeable to the Uſage of many Divines, eſpecially the Fathers, and I think it warranted by divers Quotations in the New-Teſtament out of the Old, to *allude* to a Scripture Phraſe, and to make uſe of it by way of Accommodation to another Senſe than what was the firſt Intendment of it, provided it agree with the Analogy of Faith. As for Inſtance, thoſe Words, *Pſal.* 87. 7. *All my Springs are in thee,* may very fitly be applied to God, tho' there it appears to be the Feminine Article in the Original, to be meant of *Sion:* Nor has it ever been thought

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any Wrong to the Scripture Phraſe to pray for the Bleſſings of *the upper Springs and the nether Springs*, tho' the Expreſſion from whence it is borrow'd, *Judg.* 1. 15. hath no reference at all to what we mean; but by common Uſe every one knows the Signification, and many are pleas'd with the Significancy of it.

Divers Heads of Prayer may no doubt be added to thoſe which I have here put together, and many Scripture Expreſſions too, under each Head (for I have only ſet down ſuch as firſt occurr'd to my Thoughts) and many other Expreſſions too, not in Scripture Words, which may be very comprehenſive and emphatical, and apt to excite Devotion. And perhaps thoſe who covet earneſtly this excellent Gift, and covet to excel in it, may find it of uſe to them to have ſuch a Book as this interleav'd, in which to inſert ſuch other Heads and Expreſſions as they think will be moſt agreeable to them, and are wanting here. And though I have here recommended a good Method for Prayer, and that which has been generally approv'd, yet I am far from thinking we ſhould always tie our ſelves to it; that may be varied as well as the Expreſſion: Thankſgiving may very aptly be put ſometimes before Confeſſion or Petition, or our Interceſſions for o-

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thers before our Petitions for ourſelves, as the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes one of theſe Parts of Prayer may be enlarged upon much more than another; or they may be decently interwoven in ſome other Method: *Ars eſt celare artem.*

There are thoſe (I doubt not) who at ſome times have their Hearts ſo wonderfully elevated and enlarg'd in Prayer, above themſelves at other times; ſuch a Fixedneſs and Fulneſs of Thought, ſuch a Fervor of pious and devout Affections, the Product of which is ſuch a Fluency and Variety of pertinent and moving Expreſſions, and in ſuch a juſt and natural Method, that then to have an Eye to ſuch a Scheme as this would be a Hindrance to them; and would be in Danger to cramp and ſtraiten them: If the *Heart* be full of its *good Matter*, it may make *the Tongue as the Pen of a ready Writer.* But this is a Caſe that rarely happens, and ordinarily there is need of propoſing to ourſelves a certain Method to go by in Prayer, that the Service may be performed decently and in order; in which yet one would avoid that which looks too formal. A Man may write ſtrait without having his Paper ruled.

Some few Forms of Prayer I have added in the laſt Chapter, for the Uſe of thoſe who need ſuch Helps, and that know

know not how to do as well or better without them; and therefore I have calculated them for Families. If any think them too long, let them obſerve that they are divided into many Paragraphs, and thoſe moſtly independent, ſo that when Brevity is neceſſary ſome Paragraphs may be omitted.

But after all, the Intention and cloſe Application of the Mind, the lively Exerciſes of Faith and Love, and the Out-goings of holy Deſire towards God, are ſo eſſentially neceſſary to Prayer, that without theſe in Sincerity, the beſt and moſt proper Language is but a lifeleſs Image. If we had the Tongue of Men and Angels, and have not the Heart of humble ſerious Chriſtians in Prayer, we are but as a ſounding Braſs and a tinkling Cymbal. It is only the *effectual fervent Prayer*, the δέησις ἐνεργουμένη, the *in-wrought*, *in-laid* Prayer that *avails much*. Thus therefore we ought to approve ourſelves to God in the Integrity of our Hearts, whether we pray by, or without a pre-compos'd Form.

When I had finiſhed the Third Volume of Expoſitions of the Bible, which is now in the Preſs; before I proceed, as I intend, in an humble Dependance on the Divine Providence and Grace, to the Fourth Volume, I was willing to take a little Time from that Work to this poor

poor Performance, in Hopes it might be of ſome Service to the Generation of them that ſeek God, that ſeek the Face of the God of *Jacob*: And if any good Chriſtians receive Aſſiſtance from it in their Devotions, I hope they will not deny me one Requeſt, which is, that they will pray for me, that I may obtain Mercy of the Lord to be found among the faithful Watchmen on *Jeruſalem*'s Walls, who never hold their Peace Day nor Night, but give themſelves to the Word and Prayer, that at length I may finiſh my Courſe with Joy.

Cheſter, March 25. 1710. *Matth. Henry.*



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FOR

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With Scripture Expreſſions proper to be us'd under each Head.

CHAP. I.

Of the firſt Part of Prayer, which is Addreſs to God, Adoration of Him, with ſuitable Acknowledgments, Profeſſions, and Preparatory Requeſts.



UR Spirits being compos'd into a very reverent ſerious Frame, our Thoughts gathered in, and all that is within us charged in the Name of the Great God carefully to attend the ſolemn and awful Service that lies before us, and to keep cloſe to it, we muſt with a fix'd Intention and Application of Mind, and an active lively Faith, ſet the

Lord before us, ſee his Eye upon us, and ſet our ſelves in his ſpecial Preſence, *preſenting* our ſelves to him, as *living Sacrifices*, which we deſire may be *holy and acceptable*, and a *reaſonable Service*, and then *bind theſe Sacrifices with Cords to the Horns of the Altar*, in ſuch Thoughts as theſe:

Rom. 12. 1.
Pſal. 118. 27.

Lam. 3. 41.
John 17. 1.
Iſa. 64. 7.
Pſal. 27. 8.
29. 2.
25. 1.

Let us now *lift up our Hearts with* our *Eyes* and *our Hands unto God in the Heavens.*

Let us *ſtir up our ſelves to take hold on God*, to *ſeek his Face*, and *to give him the Glory due unto his Name.*

Unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls.

Heb. 10. 19.

Let us now, *with* humble Boldneſs, *enter into the Holieſt by the Blood of Jeſus, in the new and living Way, which he hath conſecrated for us through the Veil.*

1 Cor. 7. 35.
Mat. 15. 8.

Let us now *attend upon the Lord without Diſtraction*, and let not our *Hearts be far from him when we draw nigh to him with our Mouths, and honour him with our Lips.*

John 4. 23, 24.
Jer. 30. 21.

Let us now *worſhip God who is a Spirit, in the Spirit and in Truth*; for *ſuch the Father ſeeks to worſhip him.*

Having thus engaged our Hearts to approach unto God,

1. We muſt ſolemnly addreſs our ſelves to that infinitely Great and Glorious Being with whom we have to do, as thoſe that are poſſeſs'd with a full Belief of his Preſence, and a holy Awe and Reverence of his Majeſty, which we may do in ſuch Expreſſions as theſe.

Rev. 4. 6.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which *art and waſt, and art to come.*

Pſal. 83. 18.

O thou whoſe Name alone is Jehovah, *and who art the moſt High over all the Earth.*

O God, thou art our God, early will we ſeek thee; Our God, and we will praiſe thee; our Fathers God, and we will exalt thee. Pſal. 63. 1. Exod. 15. 2.

O thou who art the *true God*, the *living God*, the one only living and true God, and the *everlaſting King*. *The Lord our God who is one Lord.* Jer. 10. 10. Deut. 6. 4.

And we may thus diſtinguiſh our ſelves from the Worſhippers of falſe Gods.

The Idols of the Heathen are Silver and Gold, they are *Vanity and a Lye, the Work of Mens Hands; they that make them are like unto them,* and *ſo is every one that truſteth in them.* But *the Portion of* Jacob *is not like them, for he is the Former of all things, and* Iſrael *is the Rod of his Inheritance, the Lord of Hoſts is his Name; God over all, bleſſed for evermore.* Pſal. 115. 4. Jer. 10. 15, 16. Rom. 9. 5.

Their Rock is not our Rock, even the Enemies themſelves being Judges; for *he is the Rock of Ages, the Lord* Jehovah, *with whom is everlaſting Strength.* Whoſe *Name ſhall endure for ever,* and *his Memorial unto all Generations,* when *the Gods that have not made the Heavens and the Earth, ſhall periſh from off the Earth, and from under thoſe Heavens.* Deut. 32. 31. Iſa. 26. 4. Pſal. 135. 13. Jer. 10. 11.

2. We muſt reverently adore God as a Being tranſcendently Bright and Bleſſed, Self-exiſtent and Self-ſufficient, an Infinite and Eternal Spirit, that has all Perfections in himſelf, and give him the Glory of his Titles and Attributes.

O Lord our God, thou art very great, thou art cloathed with Honour and Majeſty, thou covereſt thy ſelf with Light as with a Garment, and yet as to us *makeſt Darkneſs thy Pavilion,* for *we cannot order our Speech by reaſon of Darkneſs.* Pſal. 104. 1, 2. 18. 11. Job 37. 19.

1 John 1. 5. *This is the Meſſage which we have heard of thee,* and we ſet to our Seal that it is true, *That God is Light, and in him is no Darkneſs at all:* And *that God is Love, and they that* 4. 16. *dwell in Love, dwell in God, and God in them.*

Jam. 1. 17. Thou art *the Father of Light, with whom is no Variableneſs or Shadow of turning, and from whom proceedeth every good and perfect Gift.*

Thou *art the bleſſed and only Potentate; the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who only* 1 Tim. 6. 15, 16. *haſt Immortality, dwelling in the Light which no Man can approach unto, whom no Man hath ſeen nor can ſee.*

We muſt acknowledge his Being to be unqueſtionable and paſt Diſpute.

Pſal. 19. 1. *The Heavens declare thy Glory, O God, and the Firmament ſheweth thy Handy-work,* and Rom. 1. 20. *by the things that are made is clearly ſeen and underſtood thine Eternal Power and Godhead.*

Pſal. 14. 1. *So that they are Fools without Excuſe, who ſay* 58. 11. *there is no God;* for *verily there is a Reward for the Righteous, verily there is a God that judgeth in the Earth,* and in Heaven too.

We therefore *come to thee, believing that* Heb. 11. 6. *thou art, and that thou art the powerful and* bountiful *Rewarder of them that diligently ſeek thee.*

Yet we muſt own his Nature to be Incomprehenſible.

Job 11. 7. We *cannot by ſearching find out God, we cannot find out the Almighty unto Perfection.*

Pſal. 145. 3. *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praiſed, and his Greatneſs is unſearchable.*

106. 2. *Who can utter the mighty Acts of the Lord, who can ſhew forth all his Praiſe?*

——And

— And his Perfections to be matchleſs and without compare.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in Holineſs, fearful in Praiſes, doing Wonders? Exod. 15. 11.

Who in the Heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the Sons of the Mighty can be likened unto the Lord? O Lord God of Hoſts, who is a ſtrong Lord like unto thee, or to thy Faithfulneſs round about thee? Pſal. 89. 6, 8.

Among the Gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord, neither are there any Works like unto thy Works: For thou art great, and doſt wondrous things; thou art God alone. Pſal. 86. 8. 10.

There is not any Creature that *has an Arm like God, or can thunder with a Voice like him.* Job 40. 9.

And that he is infinitely above us and all other Beings.

Thou art God and not Man; haſt not Eyes of Fleſh, nor ſeeſt thou as Man ſeeth: Thy Days are not as the Days of Man, nor thy Years as Man's Days. Hoſ. 11. 9. Job 10. 4, 5.

As Heaven is high above the Earth, ſo are thy Thoughts above our Thoughts, and thy Ways above our Ways. Iſa. 55. 9.

All Nations before thee are as a Drop of the Bucket, or the ſmall Duſt of the Balance, and thou takeſt up the Iſles as a very little thing: They are as nothing, and are counted to thee leſs than nothing, and Vanity. Iſa. 40. 15, 17.

Particularly in our Adorations we muſt acknowledge, (1.) That he is an Eternal Immutable God, without Beginning of Days, or End of Life, or Change of Time.

Thou art the King Eternal, Immortal, Inviſible. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

Pſal. 90. 2. *Before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadſt formed the Earth and the World,* Heb. 13. 8. *from everlaſting to everlaſting thou art God; the ſame Yeſterday, to Day, and for ever.*

Pſal. 102. 25, 26, 27. *Of old haſt thou laid the Foundation of the Earth, and the Heavens are the Works of thy Hands: They ſhall periſh, but thou ſhalt endure; yea all of them ſhall wax old like a Garment, as a Veſture ſhalt thou change them, and they ſhall be changed; but thou art the ſame, and thy Years ſhall have no End.*

Mal. 3. 6. *Thou art God, and changeſt not; therefore is it that we are not conſumed.*

Hab. 1. 12. *Art thou not from everlaſting, O Lord our God, our Holy one? The everlaſting God, even* Iſa. 40. 28. *the Lord, the Creator of the Ends of the Earth, who fainteſt not, neither art weary; there is no ſearching out of thine Underſtanding.*

(2.) That he is preſent in all Places, and there is no Place in which he is included, or out of which he is excluded.

Jer. 23. 23, 24. *Thou art a God at hand, and a God afar off; None can hide himſelf in ſecret Places that thou canſt not ſee him, for thou filleſt Heaven and Earth.*

Acts 17. 27. *Thou art not far from every one of us.*

Pſal. 139. 7, 8, 9, 10. *We cannot go any whither from thy Preſence, or flee from thy Spirit: If we aſcend into Heaven, thou art there; if we make our Bed in Hell, in the Depths of the Earth, behold thou art there; if we take the Wings of the Morning, and dwell in the uttermoſt Parts of the Sea, even there ſhall thy Hand lead us, and thy right Hand ſhall hold us,* that we cannot outrun thee.

(3.) That he hath a perfect Knowledge of all Perſons and Things, and ſees them all, even

even that which is moſt ſecret, at one clear, certain, and unerring View.

All things are naked and open before the Eyes of him with whom we have to do; even the Thoughts and Intents of the Heart. Heb. 4. 12, 13.

Thine Eyes are in every Place beholding the Evil and the Good; they *run to and fro thro' the Earth, that thou mayeſt ſhew thy ſelf ſtrong on the behalf of thoſe whoſe Hearts are upright with thee.* Prov. 15. 3. 2 Chr. 16. 9.

Thou ſearcheſt the Heart, and trieſt the Reins, that thou mayeſt give to every Man according to his Ways, and according to the Fruit of his Doings. Jer. 17. 10.

O God, thou haſt ſearched us and known us, thou knoweſt our Down-ſitting and our Up-riſing, and underſtandeſt our Thoughts afar off: Thou compaſſeſt our Path and our Lying-down, and art acquainted with all our Ways: There is not a Word in our Tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knoweſt it altogether. Such Knowledge is too wonderful for us, it is high, we cannot attain unto it. Pſal. 139. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12.

Darkneſs and Light are both alike to thee.

(4.) That his Wiſdom is unſearchable; and the Counſels and Deſigns of it cannot be fathom'd.

Thine Underſtanding, O Lord, *is infinite, for thou telleſt the Number of the Stars, and calleſt them all by their Names.* Pſal. 147. 4, 5.

Thou art *wonderful in Counſel*, and *excellent in working. Wiſe in Heart, and mighty in Strength.* Iſa. 28. 29. Job 9. 4.

O Lord, how manifold are thy Works, in Wiſdom haſt thou made them all; all *according to the Counſel of thine own Will.* Pſal. 104. 24. Eph. 1. 11.

Rom. 11. 33. *O the Depth of the Wiſdom and Knowledge of God! how unſearchable are his Judgments, and his Ways paſt finding out!*

(5.) That his Sovereignty is unconteſtable, and he is the Owner and abſolute Lord of all.

Pſal. 115. 16. *The Heavens, even the Heavens are thine,*
24. 1. *and all the Hoſts of them. The Earth is thine, and the Fulneſs thereof, the World and they*
Pſal. 95. 3, 4, 5. *that dwell therein. In thy Hand are the deep Places of the Earth, and the Strength of the Hills is thine alſo: The Sea is thine, for thou*
50. 10. *madeſt it, and thy Hands formed the dry Land: All the Beaſts of the Foreſt are thine, and the Cattle upon a thouſand Hills: Thou art therefore a great God, and a great King above all Gods.*

Job 12. 10. *In thy Hand is the Soul of every living thing, and the Breath of all Mankind.*

Dan. 2. 34, 35. *Thy Dominion is an everlaſting Dominion, and thy Kingdom is from Generation to Generation: Thou doſt according to thy Will in the Armies of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth, and none can ſtay thy Hand, or ſay unto thee, what doſt thou,* or why doeſt thou ſo?

(6.) That his Power is irreſiſtible, and the Operations of it cannot be controll'd.

Job 42. 2. *We know,* O God, *that thou canſt do every thing, and that no Thought can be with-holden*
Pſal. 62. 11. *from thee: Power belongs to thee;* And *with*
Luke 1. 37. *thee nothing is impoſſible.*

Mat. 28. 18. *All Power is thine both in Heaven and in Earth.*

Deut. 32. 39. *Thou killeſt and thou makeſt alive, thou woundeſt and thou healeſt, neither is there any that can deliver out of thy Hand.*

Rom. 4. 21. *What thou haſt promiſed thou art able alſo to perform.*

(7.)

(7.) That he is a God of unſpotted Purity and perfect Rectitude.

Thou art Holy, O thou that inhabiteſt the Praiſes of Iſrael; *Holy and Reverend is thy Name; and we give Thanks at the Remembrance of thy Holineſs.* Pſal. 22. 3. 111. 9. 30. 4.

Thou art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity, neither ſhall Evil dwell with thee. Heb. 1. 13. Pſal. 5. 4.

Thou art the Rock, thy Work is perfect, all thy Ways are Truth and Judgment; a God of Truth, and in whom there is no Iniquity. Thou art our Rock, and there is no Unrighteouſneſs in thee. Deut. 32. 4. Pſal. 92. 5.

Thou art *Holy in all thy Works,* and *Holineſs become thy Houſe, O Lord, for ever.* Pſal. 145. 17. 93. 5.

(8.) That he is juſt in the Adminiſtration of his Government, and never did, nor ever will do Wrong to any of his Creatures.

Righteous art thou, O God, when we plead with thee, and wilt be juſtified when thou ſpeakeſt, and clear when thou judgeſt. Jer. 12. 1. Pſal. 51. 4.

Far be it from God that he ſhould do Wickedneſs, and from the Almighty that he ſhould commit Iniquity; for the Work of a Man ſhall he render unto him. Job 34. 10, 11.

Thy Righteouſneſs is as the great Mountains, even then, when *thy Judgments are a great Deep!* And tho' *Clouds and Darkneſs are round about thee,* yet *Judgment and Juſtice are the Habitation of thy Throne.* Pſal. 36. 6. 97. 2.

(9.) That his Truth is inviolable, and the Treaſures of his Goodneſs inexhauſtible.

Thou art Good, and thy Mercy endures for ever. Thy Loving-kindneſs is great towards us, and thy Truth endureth to all Generations. Pſal. 136. 1. 100. 5. 117. 2.

Thou haſt *proclaimed thy Name: The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, ſlow to Anger,* Exod. 34. 6, 7.

Anger, abundant in Goodneſs and Truth, keeping Mercy for Thouſands, forgiving Iniquity,
Prov. 18. 10. *Tranſgreſſion and Sin.* And *this Name* of thine is *our ſtrong Tower.*

Pſal. 119. 68. *Thou art good and doſt good; good to all, and*
145. 9. *thy tender Mercy is over all thy Works.* But
73. 1. *truly God is* in a ſpecial manner *good to* Iſrael, *even to them that are of a clean Heart.*

Exod. 33. 19. O that thou wouldſt *cauſe thy Goodneſs to*
Pſal. 34. 8. *paſs before us*; that we may *taſte and ſee that*
Pſal. 26. 3. *the Lord is good*; and his *Loving-kindneſs* may be *always before our Eyes.*

Laſtly, That when we have ſaid all we can of the glorious Perfections of the Divine Nature, we fall infinitely ſhort of the Merit of the Subject.

Job 26. 14. *Lo theſe are but Parts of thy Ways, and how little a Portion is heard of God!* But *the Thunder of his Power who can underſtand?*

Job 37. 23. *Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him*
Neh. 9. 5. *out, he is excellent in Power and in Judgment, and in plenty of Juſtice; and he is exalted far above all Bleſſing and Praiſe.*

3. We muſt give to God the Praiſe of that Splendor and Glory wherein he is pleaſed to manifeſt himſelf in the upper World.

Pſal. 103. 19. *Thou haſt prepared thy Throne in the Heavens,*
Iſa. 6. 1, 2. and it is a *Throne of Glory, high and lifted up,* and before thee *the Seraphims cover their Faces.* And it is in Compaſſion to us that
Job 26. 9. *thou holdeſt back the Face of that Throne, and ſpreadeſt a Cloud upon it.*

Pſal. 104. 4. *Thou makeſt thine Angels Spirits, and thy Miniſters a Flame of Fire. Thouſand thouſands*
Dan. 7. 10. of them *miniſter unto thee,* and *ten thouſand times ten thouſand ſtand before thee, to do thy*
Pſ. 103. 20, 21. *Pleaſure. They excel in Strength, and hearken to the*

the Voice of thy Word. And *we are come* by Faith and Hope and holy Love, into a ſpiritual Communion with that *innumerable Company of Angels, and the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect*, even to the *General Aſſembly* and *Church of the Firſt-born*, in the *Heavenly Jeruſalem.* Heb. 12. 22, 23.

4. We muſt give Glory to him as the Creator of the World, and the great Protector, Benefactor and Ruler of the whole Creation.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Bleſſing, and Honour, and Glory, and Power; for thou haſt created all Things, and for thy Pleaſure, and for thy Praiſe *they are and were created.* Rev. 4. 11.

We *worſhip him that made the Heaven and the Earth, the Sea, and the Fountains of Waters*; who *ſpake and it was done*, who *commanded and it ſtood faſt*; who ſaid, *Let there be Light, and there was Light*; *Let there be a Firmament, and he made the Firmament*; and he *made all very good*; and *they continue this Day according to his Ordinance*; *for all are his Servants.* Rev. 14. 7. Pſal. 33. 9. Gen. 1. 3, 6, 7. Pſal. 119. 91.

The Day is thine, the Night alſo is thine; *thou haſt prepared the Light and the Sun: Thou haſt ſet all the Borders of the Earth, thou haſt made Summer and Winter.* Pſ. 74. 16, 17.

Thou upholdeſt all things by the Word of thy Power, and by thee all Things conſiſt. Heb. 1 3. Col. 1. 17.

The Earth is full of thy Riches; *ſo is the great and wide Sea alſo. The Eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou giveſt them their Meat in due Seaſon*; *Thou openeſt thy Hand, and ſatisfieſt the Deſire of every living thing. Thou preſerveſt Man and Beaſt*, and *giveſt Food to all Fleſh.* Pſal. 104. 24, 25. 145. 15, 16. Pſal. 36. 6. 136. 25.

Thou, even thou art Lord alone; *thou haſt made Heaven, the Heaven of Heavens, with all their* Nehem. 9. 6.

their Hoſt, the Earth, and all things that are therein, the Seas and all that is therein, and thou preſerveſt them all: And *the Hoſt of*
Pſal. 103. 19. *Heaven worſhippeth thee, whoſe Kingdom ruleth over all.*

Mat. 10. 29. *A ſparrow falls not to the ground without thee.*

Gen. 2. 7. Thou *madeſt Man at* firſt *of the Duſt of the Ground, and breathedſt into him the Breath of Life, and ſo he became a living Soul.*

Acts 17. 26. And *thou haſt made of that one Blood, all Nations of Men, to dwell on all the Face of the Earth, and haſt determin'd the Times before appointed, and the Bounds of their Habitation.*

Dan. 4. 25. *Thou art the moſt High, who ruleſt in the Kingdom of Men, and giveſt it to whomſoever*
Prov. 29. 26. *thou wilt*; for *from thee every Man's Judgment proceeds.*

Rev. 19. 6. *Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigns,*
Eph. 1. 11, 12. and *doth all according to the Counſel of his own Will, to the Praiſe of his own Glory.*

5. We muſt give Honour to the Three Perſons in the Godhead diſtinctly, to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, that Great and Sacred Name into which we were baptiz'd, and in which we aſſemble for Religious Worſhip, in Communion with the Univerſal Church.

1 John 5. 7. We pay our Homage to *the Three that bear Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghoſt*; for *theſe Three are One.*

Matth. 11. 25. We adore thee, *O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth*; and the *Eternal Word*, who was *in the Beginning with God*, and *was God, by*
John 1. 1, 2, 3, 14. *whom all things were made*, and *without whom was not any thing made that was made*; and who *in the Fulneſs of Time was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us*, and *ſhewed his Glory, the Glory*

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as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

And ſince *it is the Will of God that all Men ſhould honour the Son as they honour the Father,* we adore him *as the Brightneſs of his Father's Glory, and the expreſs Image of his Perſon*; herein joining with *the Angels of God,* who were all bid to *worſhip him.* John 5. 23. Heb. 1. 3, 6.

We pay our Homage to the exalted Redeemer, who is *the Faithful Witneſs, the firſt begotten from the Dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the Earth, confeſſing that Jeſus Chriſt is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.* Rev. 1. 5. Phil. 2. 11.

We alſo worſhip *the Holy Ghoſt the Comforter,* whom *the Son* hath *ſent from the Father,* even *the Spirit of Truth, who proceedeth from the Father,* and who is ſent *to teach us all things, and to bring all things to our remembrance*; who indited the Scriptures, *Holy Men of God* writing them *as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt.* John 15. 26. 14. 26. 2 Pet. 1. 21.

6. We muſt acknowledge our Dependance upon God, and our Obligations to him, as our Creator, Preſerver, and Benefactor.

Thou, O God, *madeſt us, and not we our ſelves, and therefore we are not our own, but thine, thy People, and the Sheep of thy Paſture*; *Let us* therefore *worſhip, and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.* Pſal. 100. 3. 95. 6.

Thou, Lord, art *the Former of our Bodies, and they are fearfully and wonderfully made, and curiouſly wrought. Thine Eye did ſee our Subſtance, yet being imperfect, and in thy Book all our Members were written, which in continuance were faſhioned, when as yet there was none of them.* Pſal. 139. 14, 15, 16.

Thou

Job 10. 11,12. *Thou haſt cloathed me with Skin and Fleſh, thou haſt fenced us with Bones and Sinews; Thou haſt granted us Life and Favour, and thy Viſitation preſerves our Spirit.*

Heb. 12. 9. Thou art the *Father of our Spirits*; for thou
Zech. 12. 1. *formeſt the Spirit of Man within him*, and *madeſt*
Jer. 38. 16. *us theſe Souls. The Spirit of God hath made us*
Job 33. 4. *and the Breath of the Almighty hath given us Life. Thou putteſt Wiſdom in the inward Part,*
30. 36. *and giveſt Underſtanding to the Heart.*

Job 35. 10,11. Thou art *God our Maker, and teacheſt us more than the Beaſts of the Earth, and makeſt us wiſer than the Fowls of the Heaven.*

Iſa. 64. 8. *We are the Clay, and thou our Potter, we are the Work of thy Hand.*

Pſal. 32. 9,10. *Thou art he that tookeſt us out of the Womb, and kept'ſt us in Safety when we were at our Mo-*
71. 6. *ther's Breaſts; We have been caſt upon thee from the Womb, and holden up by thee; thou art our God from our Mother's Bowels, and therefore Praiſe ſhall be continually of thee.*

Acts 17. 28. *In thee, O God, we live and move, and have our Being; for we are thine Offspring.*

Dan. 5. 23. *In thy Hand our Breath is, and thine are all*
Jer. 10. 23. *our Ways*; for *the way of Man is not in himſelf, neither is it in Man that walketh to direct*
Pſal. 31. 15. *his Steps*; but *our Times are in thy Hand.*

Gen. 58. 15. Thou art *our God that haſt fed us all our Life long unto this Day*, and *redeem'd us from all Evil.*

Lam. 3. 22,23. *It is of thy Mercies that we are not conſum'd, even becauſe thy Compaſſions fail not, they are new every Morning, great is thy Faithfulneſs.*

Pſal. 104. 29. If thou *take away our Breath we die, and return to the Duſt, out of which we were taken.*

Lam. 3. 37,38. *Who is he that ſaith and it cometh to paſs, if thou commandeſt it not? Out of thy Mouth,*

O moſt

O moſt High, doth not Evil and Good proceed?

7. We muſt avouch this God to be our God, and own our Relation to him, his Dominion over us, and Propriety in us.

Our Souls have ſaid unto the Lord, Thou art our Lord, tho' our Goodneſs extendeth not unto thee; neither if we are righteous art thou the better. Pſal. 16. 2. Job 35. 7.

Thou art our King, O God: Other Lords beſides *thee have had Dominion over us, but from henceforth by thee only will we make mention of thy Name.* Pſal. 44. 4. Iſa 26. 14.

We avouch the Lord this Day to be our God, to walk in his Ways, and to keep his Statutes, and his Commandments, and his Judgments, and to hearken to his Voice, and give our ſelves unto him to be his peculiar People, as he hath promiſed, that we may be a holy People unto the Lord our God; and may *be unto him for a Name, and for a Praiſe, and for a Glory.* Deut. 26. 17, 18, 19. Jer. 13. 11.

O Lord, truly we are thy Servants, we are thy Servants born in thy Houſe, and thou haſt looſed our Bonds; we are bought with a Price, and therefore we are not our own; but *yield our ſelves unto the Lord, and join our ſelves unto him in an everlaſting Covenant that ſhall never be forgotten.* Pſal. 116. 16. 1 Cor. 6. 19. 2 Cor. 30. 8. Jer. 50. 5.

We are thine, ſave us; for we ſeek thy Precepts: 'Tis *thine own, Lord, that we give thee,* and that which *cometh of thine Hand.* Pſ. 119. 94. 1 Chr. 29. 16.

8. We muſt acknowledge it an unſpeakable Favour, and an ineſtimable Privilege, that we are not only admitted, but invited and encourag'd to draw nigh to God in Prayer.

Thou haſt commanded us to *pray always, with all Prayer and Supplication, with Thankſgiving, and to watch thereunto with all Perſeverance* Eph. 6. 18.

Col. 4. 2. Phil. 4. 6. *rance and Supplication for all Saints*; to *continue in Prayer*; and *in every thing with Prayer and Supplication to make our Requeſts known to God.*

Matth. 7. 7. Thou haſt directed us *to aſk, and ſeek, and knock*, and haſt promiſed that *we ſhall receive, we ſhall find, and it ſhall be open'd to us.*

Hcb. 4. 16. Thou haſt appointed us a *Great High Prieſt*, in whoſe Name *we may come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may find Mercy and Grace to help in time of Need.*

Prov. 15. 8. Pſal. 50. 23. 69. 31. Thou haſt aſſured us, that while *the Sacrifice of the Wicked is an Abomination to the Lord, the Prayer of the Upright is his Delight*; and that *he that offers Praiſe glorifies thee*, and *the Sacrifice of Thankſgiving ſhall pleaſe the Lord better than that of an Ox or Bullock that has Horns and Hoofs.*

Pſal. 65. 1. Thou art *he that heareſt Prayer, and therefore unto thee ſhall all Fleſh come.*

Pſal. 27. 8. Thou ſay'ſt, *Seek ye my Face, and our Hearts anſwer, Thy Face, Lord, will we ſeek.*

Iſa. 8. 19. For *ſhould not a People ſeek unto their God?*

John 6. 68. *Whither ſhall we go but to thee? Thou haſt the Words of Eternal Life.*

9. We muſt expreſs the Senſe we have of our own Meanneſs and Unworthineſs to draw near to God, and ſpeak to him.

2 Chron. 6. 18. *But will God in very deed dwell with Man upon the Earth?* that God *whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, with Man that is a Worm, and the Son of Man that is a Worm.*

Job 25. 6.

2 Sam. 7. 18, 19. *Who are we, O Lord God, and what is our Father's Houſe, that thou haſt brought us hitherto*, to *preſent ourſelves before the Lord*; that *we have through Chriſt an Acceſs by one Spirit unto the Father: And yet as if this had been a ſmall thing in thy Sight, thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy*

Eph. 2. 18.

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Servants for a great while to come, and is this the manner of Men, O Lord God?

What is Man that thou art thus mindful of him, and the Son of Man that thou viſiteſt him? and doſt thus *magnify him.* Pſal. 8. 4.

O let not the Lord be angry, if we that are but Duſt and Aſhes take upon us to ſpeak unto the Lord of Glory. Gen. 18. 27, 30.

We are *not worthy of the leaſt of all the Mercies, and of all the Truth which thou haſt ſhewed unto thy Servants; nor is it meet to take the Childrens Bread, and caſt it to* ſuch as we are; *yet the Dogs eat of the Crumbs which fall from their Maſter's Table:* And thou art *rich in Mercy to all that call upon thee.* Gen. 32. 10. Mat. 15. 26, 27. Rom. 10. 11.

10. We muſt humbly profeſs the Deſire of our Hearts towards God, as our Felicity and Portion, and the Fountain of Life and all Good to us.

Whom have we in Heaven but thee; and there is none upon Earth that we deſire beſides thee, or in compariſon of thee: When our Fleſh and our Heart fail, be thou the Strength of our Heart, and our Portion for ever; the Portion of our Inheritance in the other World, *and of our Cup* in this; *and then we will ſay, that the Lines are fallen to us in pleaſant Places, and that we have a goodly Heritage.* Pſal. 73. 25, 26. Pſal. 16. 5, 6.

The Deſire of our Souls is to thy Name, and to the Remembrance of thee; with our Souls have we deſired thee in the Night, and with our Spirits within us will we ſeek thee only. Iſa. 26. 8, 9.

As the Hart panteth after the Water-brooks, ſo panteth our Soul after thee, O God; our Soul thirſteth for God, for the living God, who will command his Loving-kindneſs in the Day-time, Pſ. 42. 1, 2, 8.

and in the Night his Song ſhall be with us, and our Prayer to the God of our Life.

Mat. 5. 6. Luke 1. 53. O that we may come *hungring and thirſting after Righteouſneſs; for thou filleſt the Hungry with good things, but the Rich thouſendeſt empty away.*

Pſal. 63. 1, 2, 3, 5. O that *our Souls may thirſt for thee, and our Fleſh long for thee in a dry and thirſty Land, where no Water is, that we may ſee thy Power and thy Glory, as we have ſeen thee in the Sanctuary. Thy Loving-kindneſs is better than Life; our Souls ſhall be ſatisfy'd with that, as with Marrow and Fatneſs; and then our Mouths ſhall praiſe thee with joyful Lips.*

11. We muſt likewiſe profeſs our believing Hope and Confidence in God, and his All-ſufficiency, in his Power, Providence, and Promiſe.

Pſal. 31. 1. 25. 3. *In thee, O God, do we put our Truſt, let us never be aſhamed; yea, let none that wait on thee be aſhamed.*

Pſal. 62. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7. *Truly our Souls wait upon God; from him cometh our Salvation; he only is our Rock and our Salvation: In him is our Glory, our Strength, and our Refuge, and from him is our Expectation.*

Pſal. 142. 4, 5. *When Refuge fails us, and none cares for our Souls, we cry unto thee, O Lord; thou art our Refuge and our Portion in the Land of the Living.*

Pſal. 20. 7. *Some truſt in Chariots, and ſome in Horſes, but we will remember the Name of the Lord our*

Pſal. 52. 8, 9. *God. We will truſt in thy Mercy, O God, for ever and ever, and will wait on thy Name, for it is good before thy Saints.*

Pſal. 119. 74, 79. *We have hoped in thy Word; O remember thy Word unto thy Servants, upon which thou haſt cauſed us to hope.*

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There be many that ſay, Who will ſhew us any Good? But this we ſay, Lord, lift up the Light of thy Countenance upon us, and that ſhall put Gladneſs into our Hearts more than they have whoſe Corn and Wine increaſeth. Pſal. 4. 6, 7.

We intreat thy Favour with our whole Heart; for *in this we labour, that whether preſent or abſent we may be accepted of the Lord.* Pſal. 119. 58. 2 Cor. 5. 9.

Hear our Prayers, O Lord, give ear to our Supplications; *in thy Faithfulneſs anſwer us.* Pſal. 143. 1.

And be *nigh unto us in all that which we call upon thee for*; for *thou never ſaidſt to the Seed of* Jacob, *Seek ye me in vain.* Deut. 4. 7. Iſa. 45. 9.

Thou that *heareſt the young Ravens which cry, be not ſilent to us, leſt if thou be ſilent to us, we be like them that go down to the Pit.* Pſal. 147. 9. 28. 1.

Let our Prayer be ſet forth before thee as Incenſe, and the lifting up of our Hands be acceptable in thy Sight as the Evening Sacrifice. Pſal. 141. 2.

13. We muſt beg for the powerful Aſſiſtance and Influence of the bleſſed Spirit of Grace in our Prayers.

Lord, *we know not what to pray for as we ought*, but *let thy Spirit help our Infirmities, and make Interceſſion for us.* Rom. 8. 26.

O pour upon us the Spirit of Grace and Supplication; *the Spirit of Adoption teaching us to cry, Abba Father*; that *we may find in our Hearts to pray this Prayer:* Zech. 12. 10. Rom. 8. 15. 2 Sam. 7. 27.

O ſend out thy Light and thy Truth: let them lead us, let them guide us to thy holy Hill, and thy Tabernacles; *to God our exceeding Joy.* Pſal. 43. 3.

O Lord, open thou our Lips, and our Mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy Praiſe. Pſal. 51. 15.

14. We muſt make the Glory of God our higheſt End in all our Prayers.

Lev. 10. 3. *This is that which thou, O Lord, haſt ſaid, that thou wilt be ſanctified in them that come nigh unto thee, and before all the People thou wilt* Pſal. 86. 9. *be glorified*; we therefore *worſhip before thee, O Lord, that we may glorify thy Name*; and Pſal. 50. 15. therefore we *call upon thee*, that thou mayſt *deliver us, and we may glorify thee.*

Rom. 11. 36. *For of thee, and through thee, and to thee, are all things.*

15. We muſt profeſs our entire Reliance on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt alone for Acceptance with God, and come in his Name.

Dan. 9. 18. *We do not preſent our Supplication before thee for our Righteouſneſs*; for *we are before thee in* Ezr. 9. 15. *our Treſpaſſes, and cannot ſtand before thee be-* Pſal. 71. 16. *cauſe of them:* But *we make mention of* Chriſt's Jer. 23. 6. *Righteouſneſs, even of his only*, who is *the Lord our Righteouſneſs.*

1 Pet. 2. 5. We know that even *ſpiritual Sacrifices are acceptable to God only thro' Chriſt Jeſus*, nor can John 16. 23. we hope to *receive any thing but what we ask* Eph. 1. 6. *of thee in his Name*, and therefore *make us accep-* Rev. 8. 3. *ted in the Beloved*, that *other Angel*, who *puts much Incenſe to the Prayers of Saints, and offers them up upon the golden Altar before the Throne.*

Heb. 4. 14. We come in the Name of *the Great High Prieſt, who is paſſed into the Heavens, Jeſus the Son of God*, who *was touch'd with the feeling of our Infirmities*, and is therefore *able to ſave* Heb. 7. 25. *to the uttermoſt all thoſe that come to God by him, becauſe he ever lives making Interceſſion.*

Pſal. 84. 9. *Behold, O God our Shield, and look upon the Face of thine Anointed, in whom* thou haſt by a Voice from Heaven declar'd thyſelf to be Mat. 3. 17. *well pleaſed*; Lord, be well pleaſed with us in him.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

Of the Second Part of Prayer, which is, Confeſſion of Sin, Complaints of ourſelves, and humble Profeſſions of Repentance.

HAving given Glory to God, which is his Due, we muſt next take Shame to ourſelves, which is our Due, and humble ourſelves before him in the Senſe of our own Sinfulneſs and Vileneſs; and herein alſo we muſt give Glory to him, as our Judge, by whom we deſerve to be condemn'd, and yet hope, through Chriſt, to be acquitted and abſolv'd. Joſh. 7. 19.

In this Part of our Work,

1. We muſt acknowledge the great Reaſon we have to lie very low before God, and to be aſham'd of ourſelves when we come into his Preſence, and to be afraid of his Wrath, having made ourſelves both odious to his Holineſs, and obnoxious to his Juſtice.

O our God, we are aſham'd, and bluſh to lift up our Faces before thee, our God; for our Iniquities are increaſed over our Head, and our Treſpaſs is grown up into the Heavens. Ezr. 9. 6.

To us belong Shame and Confuſion of Face, becauſe we have ſinned againſt thee. Dan. 9. 8.

Behold we are vile, what ſhall we anſwer thee? We will lay our Hand upon our Mouth, and put our Mouth in the Duſt, if ſo be there may be Hope; crying with the convicted Leper under the Law, *Unclean, unclean.* Job 40. 4. Lam. 3. 29. Lev. 13. 45.

Job 15. 15, 16. *Thou putteſt no Truſt in thy Saints, and the Heavens are not clean in thy Sight: How much more abominable and filthy is Man, who drinketh Iniquity like Water!*

Iſa. 6. 5. When *our Eyes have ſeen the King, the Lord of Hoſts,* we have reaſon to cry out, *Woe unto us, for we are undone.*

Job 25. 2, 3, 4. *Dominion and Fear are with thee, thou makeſt Peace in thy high Places: There is not any Number of thine Armies, and upon whom doth not thy Light ariſe? How then can Man be juſtified with God, or how can he be clean that is born of a Woman?*

Pſal. 76. 7. *Thou, even thou art to be feared, and who may ſtand in thy Sight when once thou art angry?*

Heb. 12. 29. Even thou, *our God, art a conſuming Fire,* and

Pſal. 90. 11. *who knows the Power of thine Anger?*

Job 9. 3, 20. *If we juſtify ourſelves, our own Mouths ſhall condemn us; if we ſay we are perfect, that alſo ſhall prove us perverſe; for if thou contend with us, we are not able to anſwer thee for one of a thouſand.*

1 Cor. 4. 4. *If we know nothing by ourſelves, yet were we not thereby juſtified, for he that judgeth us is the*

1 John 3. 20. *Lord;* who is *greater than our Hearts, and knows all things.* But we ourſelves know that

Luke 15. 21. *we have ſinned, Father, againſt Heaven, and before thee,* and *are no more worthy to be called thy Children.*

2. We muſt take hold of the great Encouragement God hath given us to humble ourſelves before him with Sorrow and Shame, and to confeſs our Sins.

Pſal. 130. 3, 4, 7, 8. *If thou, Lord, ſhouldeſt mark Iniquities, O Lord, who ſhould ſtand? But there is Forgiveneſs with thee, that thou mayeſt be feared; with thee there is Mercy, yea with our God there is*

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plenteous Redemption, and he ſhall redeem Iſrael *from all his Iniquities.*

Thy Sacrifices, O God, are a broken Spirit; Pſal. 51. 17. *a broken and a contrite Heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe:* Nay, *tho' thou art the high and* Iſa. 57. 15. *lofty One that inhabiteſt Eternity, whoſe Name is holy; tho' the Heaven be thy Throne, and the* 66. 1, 2. *Earth thy Footſtool, yet to this Man wilt thou look, that is poor and humble, of a broken and a contrite Spirit, and that trembleth at thy Word, to revive the Spirit of the Humble, and to revive the Heart of the Contrite ones.*

Thou haſt graciouſly aſſur'd us, that tho' *they that cover their Sins ſhall not proſper, yet* Prov. 28. 14. *thoſe that confeſs and forſake them ſhall find Mercy.* And when a poor Penitent ſaid, *I* Pſal. 32. 5, 6. *will confeſs my Tranſgreſſion unto the Lord, thou forgaveſt the Iniquity of his Sin; and for this ſhall every one that is godly* in like manner *pray unto thee in a time when thou mayeſt be found.*

We know that *if we ſay we have no Sin, we* 1 John 1. 8, 9. *deceive ourſelves, and the Truth is not in us;* but thou haſt ſaid, that *if we confeſs our Sins, thou art faithful and juſt to forgive us our Sins, and to cleanſe us from all Unrighteouſneſs.*

3. We muſt therefore confeſs and bewail our original Corruption in the firſt place, that we were the Children of apoſtate and rebellious Parents, and the Nature of Man is deprav'd, and wretchedly degenerated from its primitive Purity and Rectitude, and our Nature is ſo.

Lord, thou madeſt Man upright, but they have Eccl. 7. 19. *ſought out many Inventions; and being in Ho-* Pſal. 49. 12, *nour did not underſtand, and therefore abode not,* 20. *but became like the Beaſts that periſh.*

Rom. 5. 12, 19. *By one Man Sin enter'd into the World, and Death by Sin, and ſo Death paſſed upon all Men, for that all have ſinned: By that one Man's Diſobedience many were made Sinners,* and we among the reſt.

Iſa. 1. 4. Ezek. 16. 3. Iſa. 48. 8. We are *a Seed of Evil-doers; our Father was an* Amorite, *and our Mother a* Hittite, *and we ourſelves were called* (and not miſcalled) *Tranſgreſſors from the Womb,* and *thou knoweſt we would deal very treacherouſly.*

Jer. 2. 21. Deut. 32. 32. Lam. 4. 1. The Nature of Man was *planted a choice and noble Vine, wholly a right Seed,* but it *is become the degenerate Plant of a ſtrange Vine;* producing *the Grapes of* Sodom, *and the Cluſters of* Gomorrah. *How is the Gold become dim, and the moſt fine Gold changed!*

Pſal. 51. 5. Job 14. 4. *Behold we were ſhapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did our Mothers conceive us.* For *who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.*

Eph. 2. 2, 3. *We are by Nature Children of Wrath,* becauſe *Children of Diſobedience, even as others.*

Gen. 6. 12. Pſal. 14. 3. *All Fleſh hath corrupted their Way, we are all gone aſide, we are all together become filthy, there is none that doth good, no, not one.*

4. We muſt lament our preſent corrupt Diſpoſitions to that which is evil, and our Indiſpoſedneſs to and Impotency in that which is good. We muſt look into our own Hearts, and confeſs with holy Bluſhing,

(1.) The Blindneſs of our Underſtandings, and their Unaptneſs to admit the Rays of the Divine Light.

Eph. 4. 18. By Nature *our Underſtandings are darkned, being alienated from the Life of God through the Ignorance that is in us, becauſe of the Blindneſs of our Hearts.*

The Things of the Spirit of God are Fooliſh-neſs to the natural Man, neither can we know them, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcern'd. 1 Cor. 2. 14.

We are wiſe to *do evil, but to do good we have no Knowledge.* We *know not, neither do we underſtand, we walk on in Darkneſs.* Jer. 4. 22. Pſal. 82. 5.

God ſpeaketh once, yea twice, but we perceive it not; but *hearing we hear, and do not underſtand,* and *we ſee Men as Trees walking.* Job 33. 14. Mat. 13. 14. Mark 8. 24.

(2.) The Stubbornneſs of our Wills, and their Unaptneſs to ſubmit to the Rules of the Divine Law.

We have within us a carnal Mind, which is Enmity againſt God, and is not in Subjection to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. Rom. 8. 7.

Thou haſt *written to us the great things of thy Law, but they have been accounted by us as a ſtrange thing,* and our corrupt Hearts have been ſometimes ready to ſay, *What is the Almighty that we ſhould ſerve him?* And that *we would certainly do whatſoever thing goes forth out of our own Mouth.* For we have *walked in the Way of our own Heart, and in the Sight of our Eyes, fulfilling the Deſires of the Fleſh and of the Mind.* Hoſ. 8. 12. Job 21. 15. Jer. 44. 17. Eccl. 11. 19.

Our Neck hath been an Iron Sinew, and *we have made our Heart as an Adamant*; *we have refuſed to hearken, have pulled away the Shoulder, and ſtopped our Ears, like the deaf Adder, that will not hearken to the Voice of the Charmer, charm he ever ſo wiſely.* Iſa. 48. 4. Zech. 7. 11, 12. Pſal. 58. 4, 5.

How have we hated Inſtruction, and our Heart deſpiſed Reproof, and have not obey'd the Voice of our Teachers, nor inclined our Ear to them that inſtructed us? Prov. 5. 12, 13.

(3.) The Vanity of our Thoughts, their Neglect of thoſe Things which they ought to be

be converſant with, and dwelling upon thoſe things that are unworthy of them, and tend to corrupt our Minds.

Gen. 6. 5. 8. 21. *Every Imagination of the Thought of our Heart is evil, only evil, and that continually, and it has been ſo from our Youth.*

Jer. 4. 14. Prov. 24. 9. Mat. 15. 19. Mic. 2. 1. Prov. 17. 24. *O how long have thoſe vain Thoughts lodg'd within us! thoſe Thoughts of Fooliſhneſs which are Sin. From within out of the Heart proceed evil Thoughts*; which *deviſe Miſchief upon the Bed*, and carry the Heart with *the Fool's Eyes into the Ends of the Earth.*

Pſal. 10. 4. But *God is not in all our Thoughts*, 'tis well if he be in any: *Of the Rock that begat us we* Deut. 32. 18. *have been unmindful, and have forgotten the God* Jer. 2. 32. *that formed us:* We *have forgotten him Days* 2. 5. *without Number*, and our *Hearts have walk'd after Vanity, and become vain.* Their *inward* Pſal. 49. 11, 13. *Thought having been that our Houſes ſhould continue for ever*; *this our Way is our Folly.*

(4.) The Carnality of our Affections, their being placed upon wrong Objects, and carried beyond due Bounds.

Col. 3. 1, 2. We have *ſet thoſe Affections on things beneath*, which *ſhould have been ſet on things a-* Mat. 6. 21. *bove*, where our *Treaſure is*, and *where Chriſt ſits on the right Hand of God*, the *things which we ſhould ſeek.*

Jon. 2. 8. We have *followed after lying Vanities, and forſaken our own Mercies*; *have forſaken the* Jer. 2. 13. *Fountain of living Waters, for Ciſterns, broken Ciſterns that can hold no Water.*

We have *panted after the Duſt of the Earth*, and have been full of Care *what we ſhall eat,* Mat. 6. 32, *and what we ſhall drink, and wherewithal we ſhall be cloathed*, the *things after which the Gentiles ſeek*, but have neglected *the King-*

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dom of God, and the Righteouſneſs thereof.

We *have lifted up our Souls unto Vanity*, and *ſet our Eyes upon that which is not*, have *look'd at the things that are ſeen which are temporal, but the things that are not ſeen that are eternal*, have *been forgotten and poſtpon'd.* Pſal. 24. 4. Prov. 23. 5. 2 Cor. 4. 18.

(5.) The Corruption of the whole Man: irregular Appetites towards thoſe things that are pleaſing to Senſe, and inordinate Paſſions againſt thoſe things that are diſpleaſing, and an Alienation of the Mind from the Principles, Powers and Pleaſures of the ſpiritual and divine Life.

We are *born of the Fleſh*, and *we are Fleſh: Duſt we are:* We have *born the Image of the earthly*; and *in us, that is, in our Fleſh, there dwells no good thing:* For if *to will is preſent to us, yet how to perform that which is good we find not; for the Good that we would do, we do it not; and the Evil which we would not do, that we do.* John 3. 6. Gen. 3. 19. 1 Cor. 14. 59. Rom. 7. 18, 19.

We have a Law in our Members warring againſt the Law of our Mind, and bringing us into Captivity to the Law of Sin that is in our Members: So that when we would do good, Evil is preſent with us, and moſt eaſily beſets us. Rom. 7. 21, 23. Heb. 12. 1.

The whole Head is ſick, the whole Heart faints, from the Sole of the Foot even unto the Head there is no Soundneſs in us, but Wounds and Bruiſes, and putrifying Sores. Iſa. 1. 6.

There is in us *a Bent to backſlide from the living God:* Our *Hearts are deceitful above all things, and deſperately wicked; who can know them?* They *ſtart aſide like a broken Bow.* Hoſea 11. 6. Jer. 17. 9. Hoſ. 7. 16.

5. We muſt lament and confeſs our Omiſſions of our Duty, our Neglect of it, and Triflings in it, and that we have done ſo little

little ſince we came into the World of the great Work we were ſent into the World about, ſo very little to anſwer the End either of our Creation or of our Redemption, of our Birth and of our Baptiſm, and that we have profited no more by the Means of Grace.

Luke 13. 6, 7. We have been as *Fig-trees planted in the Vineyard, and thou haſt come many Years ſeeking Fruit from us*, but *haſt found none*; and
Mat. 3. 10. therefore we might juſtly have been *cut down and caſt into the Fire* for *cumbring the Ground:*
Iſa. 5. 4. Thou haſt come *looking for Grapes, but behold wild Grapes*; for we have been *empty Vines, bringing forth Fruit unto ourſelves.*

Jam. 4. 17. We have *known to do good*, but *have not done it:* We have *hid our Lord's Money*, and
Mat. 25. 18, 26. therefore deſerve the Doom of *the wicked and ſlothful Servant.*

Luke 16. 1. We have been *unfaithful Stewards*, that have *waſted our Lord's Goods*; for *one Sinner*
Eccl. 9. 18. *deſtroys much Good.*

Prov. 17. 16. *Many a Price hath been put into our Hand to get Wiſdom*, which *we have had no Heart to*;
Eccl. 10. 2. *or our Heart has been at our left Hand.*

11. 10. Our *Childhood and Youth* was *Vanity*, and
Pſal. 90. 9. we *have brought our Years to an End, as a Tale that is told.*

Luke 19. 44. *We have not known*, or improv'd, *the Day of our Viſitation*, have not *provided Meat in*
Prov. 6. 7, 8. *Summer*, nor *gather'd Food in Harveſt*, tho' *we have had Guides, Overſeers and Rulers.*

Luke 24. 25. We are *ſlow of Heart to underſtand and believe*; and *whereas for the time we might have been Teachers of others*, we *are yet to learn the*
Heb. 5. 12. *firſt Principles of the Oracles of God, have need of Milk, and cannot bear ſtrong Meat.*

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We have *caſt off Fear, and reſtrained Prayer before God*; have not *called upon thy Name*, *nor ſtirr'd up ourſelves to take hold on thee.* Job 15. 4. Iſa. 64. 7.

We have *come before thee as thy People come, and have ſat before thee as thy People ſit, and have heard thy Words, when our Hearts at the ſame time have been going after our Covetouſneſs.* And *thus have we brought the Torn, and the Lame, and the Sick for Sacrifice, have offer'd that to our God, which we would not have offer'd to our Governor*; *and have vow'd and ſacrificed to the Lord a corrupt thing, when we had in our Flock a Male.* Ezek. 33. 31. Mal. 1. 8. 14.

6. We muſt likewiſe bewail our many actual Tranſgreſſions, in Thought, Word, and Deed.

We have ſinned, Father, againſt Heaven and before thee; we *have all ſinned, and have come ſhort of the Glory of God*; for *the God in whoſe Hand our Breath is, and whoſe are all our Ways, have we not glorify'd.* Luke 15. 18. Rom. 3. 23. Dan. 5. 23.

Againſt thee, thee only have we ſinned, and have done much Evil in thy Sight; *neither have we obey'd the Voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his Laws which he hath ſet before us*; tho' they are all *holy, juſt, and good.* Pſal. 51. 4. Dan. 9. 10. Rom. 7. 12.

Who can underſtand his Errors? Cleanſe thou us from ſecret Faults. Pſal. 19. 12.

In many things we all offend; and *our Iniquities are more than the Hairs of our Head.* Jam. 3. 2. Pſal. 40. 12.

As a Fountain caſteth out her Waters, ſo do our Hearts caſt out Wickedneſs; and *this hath been our Manner from our Youth up*, that *we have not obey'd thy Voice.* Jer. 6. 7. 22. 21.

Out of *the evil Treaſure of our Hearts* we have *brought forth* many *evil things.* Mat. 12. 35.

(1.) We muſt confeſs and bewail the Workings of Pride in us.

2 Chr. 32. 26. We have all Reaſon to be *humbled for the Pride of our Hearts*, that we have *thought of our ſelves above what hath been meet*, and *have not thought ſoberly*, nor *walk'd humbly with our God.*

Rom. 12. 3.
Mic. 6. 8.

Prov. 3. 5. We have *lean'd to our own Underſtanding*; and *truſted in our own Hearts*; and *have ſacrificed to our own Net.*

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Hab. 1. 16.
John 7. 8. We have *ſought our own Glory* more *than the Glory of him that ſent us*, and have been *puffed up for that for which we ſhould have mourn'd.*

1 Cor. 5. 2.

(2.) The breaking out of Paſſion and raſh Anger.

We have not had the *Rule* which we ought Prov. 25. 28. to have had *over our own Spirits*, which have therefore been *as a City that is broken down, and has no Walls.*

14. 17. We have been *ſoon angry*, and *Anger hath* Eccl. 7. 9. *reſted in our Boſoms.* And *when our Spirits have* Pſal. 106. 33. *been provoked*, we have *ſpoken unadviſedly with our Lips*; and have been guilty of that *Clamour* and *Bitterneſs* which ſhould have been *put far from us.*

Eph. 4. 31.

(3.) Our Covetouſneſs and Love of the World.

Heb. 13. 5. Our *Converſation* has not been *without Covetouſneſs*, nor have we *learn'd in every State* Phil. 4. 11. *to be content* with *ſuch things as we have.*

Who can ſay he is *clean from that Love of* 1 Tim. 6. 10. *Money*, which is *the Root of all Evil*, that *Co-* Col. 3. 5. *vetouſneſs which is Idolatry?*

Jer. 45. 5. We have *ſought great things to our ſelves*, when *thou haſt ſaid, Seek them not.*

(4.) Our Senſuality and Fleſh-pleaſing.

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We have *minded the things of the Fleſh more than the things of the Spirit*, and have *lived in Pleaſure on the Earth, and been wanton, and have nouriſhed our Hearts as in a Day of Slaughter.* Rom. 8. 5. Jam. 5. 5.

We have *made Proviſion for the Fleſh to fulfil the Luſts of it*; even thoſe *Luſts which war againſt our Souls*: and in many Inſtances have acted as if we had been *Lovers of Pleaſure more than Lovers of God.* Rom. 13. 14. 1 Pet. 2. 11. 2 Tim. 3. 4.

When we did eat, and when we did drink, did we not eat to our ſelves, and drink to ourſelves? Zach. 7. 6.

(5.) Our Security and Unmindfulneſs of the Changes we are liable to in this World.

We have *put far from us the evil Day*, and *in our Proſperity have ſaid we ſhould never be moved*, as if *to morrow muſt needs be as this Day, and much more abundant.* Amos 6. 3. Pſal. 30. 6. Iſa. 56. 12.

We have encouraged *our Souls to take their Eaſe, to eat and drink* and *be merry, as if we had Goods laid up for many Years*, when perhaps *this Night our Souls may be requir'd of us.* Luke 12. 19, 20.

We have been ready to *truſt in uncertain Riches more than in the Living God*; to *ſay to the Gold thou art our Hope, and to the fine Gold thou art our Confidence.* 1 Tim. 6. 17. Job 31. 24.

(6.) Our Fretfulneſs and Impatience and Murmuring under our Afflictions, our inordinate Dejection, and Diſtruſt of God and his Providence.

When *thou haſt chaſtiſed us and we were chaſtiſed, we have been as a Bullock unaccuſtomed to the Yoke*; and tho' *our own Fooliſhneſs hath perverted our Way, yet our Heart hath fretted againſt the Lord*; and thus *in our Diſtreſs we have treſpaſs'd yet more againſt the Lord.* Jer. 31. 18. Prov. 19. 3. 2 Chr. 29. 22.

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Prov. 3. 11. We have either *deſpiſed the Chaſtening of the Lord*, or *fainted when we have been rebuk'd of him*; *and if we faint in the Day of Adverſity*, 24. 10. *our Strength is ſmall.*

Pſal. 31. 22. We have *ſaid in our haſte we are caſt off from before thine Eyes*, and *that the Lord hath forſaken us*, Iſa. 49. 14. *our God hath forgotten us*, as if God *would be favourable no more*; *as if he had forgotten to be gracious*, Pſal. 77. 7, 8, 10. *and had in Anger ſhut up his tender Mercies.* This *has been our Infirmity.*

(7.) Our Uncharitableneſs towards our Brethren, and Unpeaceableneſs with our Relations, Neighbours and Friends, and perhaps Injuſtice towards them.

Gen. 42. 21. *We have been verily guilty concerning our Brother*; for we have not *ſtudy'd the things that* Rom. 14. 19. *make for Peace*, *nor things wherewith we might edify one another.*

We have been ready to *judge our Brother*, 14. 10. *and to ſet at nought our Brother*, *forgetting that we muſt all ſhortly ſtand before the Judgment-Seat of Chriſt.*

Contrary to the Royal Law of Charity, 1 Cor. 13. 4, 5. *we have vaunted ourſelves*, *and been puffed up*, *have behaved ourſelves unſeemly*, and *ſought our* Prov. 17. 5. *own*, *have been eaſily provok'd*, have *rejoiced in Iniquity*, and been *ſecretly glad at Calamities.*

Gal. 5. 26. We have been *deſirous of Vain-glory*, *provoking one another*, *envying one another*; when Heb. 10. 24. we ſhould have *conſider'd one another to provoke to Love and to good Works.*

1 John 3. 17. The *Bowels of our Compaſſion* have been *ſhut up from thoſe that are in need*; and we have Iſa. 58. 7. *hidden ourſelves from our own Fleſh.* Nay, Deut. 15. 9. perhaps *our Eye has been evil againſt our poor* Jam. 2. 7. *Brother*, and we have *deſpiſed the Poor.*

And

And if in any thing we have *gone beyond and defrauded our Brother*, *if* we *have walked with Vanity*, *and our Foot hath haſted to Deceit*, *and any Blot hath cleaved to our Hands*, Lord, diſcover it to us, that if *we have done Iniquity*, *we may do ſo no more*. 1 Theſſ. 4. 6. Job 31. 5, 7. Job 34. 32.

(8.) Our Tongue-Sins.

In the Multitude of our Words there wanteth not Sin, *nor can a Man full of Talk be juſtified*. Prov. 10. 19. Job 11. 2.

While *the Lips of the Righteous feed many*, our Lips have *pour'd out Fooliſhneſs*, and *ſpoken Frowardneſs*. Prov. 10. 21, 32. 15. 2.

Much *corrupt Communication hath proceeded out of our Mouths*; *that fooliſh talking and jeſting which is not convenient*, and *little of that which is good*, *and to the Uſe of edifying*, *and which might miniſter Grace unto the Hearers*. Eph. 4. 29. 5. 4.

If for every idle Word that Men ſpeak they muſt give an Account, and *by our Words we muſt be juſtified*, *and if by our Words we muſt be condemn'd*, *woe unto us*, *for we are undone*; *for we are of unclean Lips*, *and dwell in the midſt of a People of unclean Lips*. Mat. 12. 36, 37. Iſa. 6. 5.

What would become of us, if *God ſhould make our own Tongues to fall upon us*. Pſal. 64. 8.

(9.) Our ſpiritual Slothfulneſs and Decay.

We have been *ſlothful in* the *Buſineſs* of Religion, *and not fervent in Spirit ſerving the Lord*. Rom. 12. 11.

The *things which remain are ready to die*, *and our Works have not been found perfect before God*. Rev. 3. 2.

We have *obſerv'd the Winds*, and therefore *have not ſown*; have *regarded the Clouds*, and therefore *have not reaped*; and with *the Sluggard* have frighten'd ourſelves with the Fancy of *a Lion in the Way*, *a Lion in the Streets*, and have *turn'd on our Bed as the Door on the* Eccl. 11. 4. Prov. 26. 13, 14. 6. 10.

Hinges; ſtill crying, *yet a little Sleep, a little Slumber.*

Rev. 2. 4. We have *loſt our firſt Love*, and *where is*
Gal. 4. 15. *now the Bleſſedneſs we ſometimes ſpake of?*
Hoſ. 6. 4. *Our Goodneſs hath been as the Morning Cloud and the early Dew which paſſeth away.*

And that which is at the Bottom of all, is
Heb. 3. 12. *the evil Heart of Unbelief in us*, which *inclines us to depart from the living God.*

7. We muſt acknowledge the great Evil that there is in Sin, in our Sin; the Malignity of its Nature, and its Miſchievouſneſs to us.

(1.) The Sinfulneſs of Sin.

Rom. 17. 13. O that *Sin may appear Sin to us*, may appear in its own Colours, and that *by the Commandment* we may ſee *it to be exceeding ſinful*;
1 John 3. 4. becauſe it is *the Tranſgreſſion of the Law.*

By every wilful Sin we have in effect ſaid,
Luke 19. 14. *We will not have this Man to reign over us*;
Exod. 5. 2. And *who is the Lord that we ſhould obey his*
Numb. 15. 30. *Voice?* And thus have we *reproach'd the*
Neh. 9. 26. *Lord*, and *caſt his Laws behind our Backs.*

(2.) The Fooliſhneſs of Sin.

Pſal. 69. 5. *O God, thou knoweſt our Fooliſhneſs, and our*
Tit. 3. 3. *Sins are not hid from thee:* We were *fooliſh* in
1 Tim. 6. 9. being *diſobedient*; and our Luſts are *fooliſh and hurtful.*

Prov. 22. 15. *Fooliſhneſs* was *bound up in our Hearts* when
Job 11. 12. *we were Children*; for *tho' vain Man would be wiſe, he is born like the wild Aſs's Colt.*

Pſal. 49. 13. *Our Way hath been our Folly*, and in many
2 Sam. 24. 10. Inſtances *we have done fooliſhly, very fooliſhly.*
Pſal. 73. 22. So *fooliſh have we been and ignorant, and even as Beaſts before God.*

(3.) The Unprofitableneſs of Sin.

We

We have ſinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited us not. Job 33. 27.

What Fruit have we now in thoſe things whereof we have cauſe to be aſhamed; ſeeing the End of thoſe things is Death? And *what are we profited, if we ſhould gain the whole World, and loſe our own Souls?* Rom. 6. 21. Mat. 16. 26.

(4.) The Deceitfulneſs of Sin.

Sin hath deceived us, and *by it ſlain us*; for *our Hearts have been harden'd thro' the Deceitfulneſs of Sin*; and we have been *drawn away of our own Luſt, and enticed.* Rom. 7. 11. Heb. 3. 13. Jam. 1. 14.

It hath *promiſed us Liberty,* but *has made us the Servants of Corruption*; hath promiſed *that we ſhall not ſurely die,* and *that we ſhall be as Gods*; but *it has flatter'd us,* and *ſpread a Net for our Feet.* 2 Pet. 2. 19. Prov. 29. 5.

The *Pride of our Heart* particularly has *deceived us.* Obad. 3.

(5.) The Offence which by Sin we have given to the Holy God.

By *breaking the Law* we have *diſhonour'd God,* and have *provoked the Holy One of* Iſrael *to Anger moſt bitterly.* And many a *thing that we have done hath diſpleaſed the Lord.* Rom. 2. 23. Iſa. 1. 4. Hoſ. 12. 14. 2 Sam. 11. ult.

God has been broken by our whoriſh Heart, and our Eyes that have gone a whoring after our Idols. Ezek. 6. 9.

We have *tempted him,* and *proved him,* and *grieved him in the Wilderneſs, have rebelled and vexed his Holy Spirit,* and *preſſed him with our Iniquities, as a Cart is preſſed that is full of Sheaves.* Pſal. 95. 9, 10. Iſa. 63. 10. Amos 2. 13.

We have *grieved the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we are ſealed to the Day of Redemption.* Eph. 4. 30.

(6.) The Damage which by Sin we have done to our own Souls, and their great Intereſts.

Iſa. 50. 1. Prov. 8. 36. *By our Iniquities we have ſold ourſelves*, and in *ſinning againſt thee we have wronged our own Souls.*

Iſa. 59. 2. *Our Sins have ſeparated between us and God, and have kept good things from us*; and by them

Tit. 1. 15. our *Minds and Conſciences* have been *defiled.*

Jer. 2. 19. *Our own Wickedneſs hath corrected us*, and *Backſlidings have reproved us*, and *we cannot but know and ſee, that it is an evil thing, and bitter, that we have forſaken the Lord our God, and that his Fear hath not been in us.*

Prov. 14. 9. O what *Fools* are they *that make a mock at Sin!*

8. We muſt aggravate our Sins, and take notice of thoſe things which make them more heinous in the Sight of God, and more dangerous to ourſelves.

Lev. 16. 21. We bewail before thee *all our Sins, and all our Tranſgreſſions in all our Sins.*

(1.) The more Knowledge we have of Good and Evil, the greater is our Sin.

Luke 12. 47. We have *known our Maſter's Will, but have not done it*, and therefore deſerve to be *beaten with many Stripes.*

Jer. 5. 4, 5. We have *known the Way of the Lord, and the Judgments of our God*, and yet *have altogether broken the Yoke, and burſt the Bonds.*

Rom. 1. 32. We have *known the Judgment of God, that they which do ſuch things are worthy of Death, and yet have done them, and have had Pleaſure in them that do them.*

Rom. 2. 21. We have *taught others, and yet have not taught ourſelves*; and while *we profeſs to*

Tit. 1. 16. *know God*, we *have in Works deny'd him.*

(2.) The greater Profeſſion we have made of Religion, the greater hath been our Sin.

We

We *call ourſelves of the Holy City*, and *ſtay ourſelves upon the God of* Iſrael, and *make mention of his Name, but not in Truth and Righteouſneſs.* For we have *diſhonour'd that worthy Name by which we are called*, and *given great occaſion to the Enemies of the Lord to blaſpheme.* Iſa. 48. 1, 2. Jam. 2. 7. 2 Sam. 12. 13.

We have *named the Name of Chriſt, and yet have not departed from Iniquity.* 2 Tim. 2. 19.

(3.) The more Mercies we have receiv'd from God, the greater hath been our Sin.

Thou haſt *nouriſhed and brought us up as Children, but we have rebelled againſt thee.* Iſa. 1. 2.

We have *ill requited thee, O Lord, as fooliſh People and unwiſe:* Tho' *thou art our Father that haſt made us, and bought us, and eſtabliſhed us*, yet *our Spot has not been the Spot of thy Children.* Deut. 32. 5, 6.

We *have not render'd again according to the Benefit done unto us.* 2 Chr. 32. 25.

(4.) The fairer Warning we have had from the Word of God, and from our own Conſciences, concerning our Danger of Sin, and Danger by Sin, the greater is the Sin if we go on in it.

We *have been often reprov'd, and yet have harden'd our Neck*, and *have gone on frowardly in the Way of our Heart.* Prov. 29. 1. Iſa. 57. 17.

Thou haſt *ſent to us*, ſaying, *O do not this abominable thing which I hate*; but *we have not hearken'd, nor inclin'd our Ear.* Jer. 44. 4, 5.

The Word of God hath been to us, Precept upon Precept, and Line upon Line; and *tho' we have beheld our natural Faces in the Glaſs, yet we have gone away, and ſtraitway forgot what manner of Men we were.* Iſa. 28. 13. Jam. 1. 23, 24.

(5.) The great Afflictions we have been under for Sin, the greater is the Sin if we go on in it.

Jer. 5. 3. Thou haſt *ſtricken us*, but *we have not grieved, we have refuſed to receive Correction, and have made our Faces harder than a Rock*; Prov. 22. 15. and *the Rod* hath not *driven the Fooliſhneſs out of our Hearts.*

2 Sam. 7. 14. Thou haſt *chaſten'd us with the Rod of Men, and with the Stripes of the Children of Men*; Iſa. 9. 13. *yet we have not turned to him that ſmiteth us, nor have we ſought the Lord of Hoſts.*

Amos 4. 11. When ſome have been *overthrown as* Sodom *and* Gomorrah were, we *have been as Brands pluck'd out of the Fire, yet have we not return'd unto thee, O Lord.* And when *thy* Iſa. 26. 11. *Hand has been lifted up, we have not ſeen it.*

(6.) The more Vows and Promiſes we have made of better Obedience, the greater has our Sin been.

Jer. 34. 18. We have not *perform'd the Words of the Covenant which we made before thee*, but *as* Iſa. 24. 16. *treacherous Dealers we have dealt treacherouſly.*

Jer. 2. 20. Job 34. 31. 2 Pet. 2. 22. Pſal. 85. 8. Did we not *ſay we would not tranſgreſs*, we would *not offend any more?* We did, and *yet we have return'd with the Dog to his Vomit*: have *return'd to Folly after God hath ſpoken Peace.*

9. We muſt judge and condemn ourſelves for our Sins, and own ourſelves liable to Puniſhment.

Ezr. 9. 10. *And now, O our God, what ſhall we ſay after this, for we have forſaken thy Command-*
Job 7. 20. *ments? We have ſinned, what ſhall we do unto thee, O thou Preſerver of Man?*

Gal. 3. 10. We know that *the Law curſeth every one that continues not in all things that are written in the Book of the Law to do them*; that *the*
Rom. 6. 23. *Wages of* every *Sin is Death*; and that *for*
Eph. 5. 6. *theſe things ſake cometh the Wrath of God upon the Children of Diſobedience.* And

And we are all *guilty before God*; *the Scripture hath concluded us all under Sin*; and therefore thou mighteſt juſtly be *angry with us till thou hadſt conſumed us*; ſo *that there ſhould be no Remnant, nor eſcaping.*

Rom. 3. 19. Gal. 3. 22. Ezr. 9. 15.

If thou ſhould'ſt *lay Righteouſneſs to the Line, and Judgment to the Plummet*, thou might'ſt juſtly *ſeparate us unto all Evil, according to all the Curſes of the Covenant*, and *blot out our Names from under Heaven.*

Iſa. 28. 17. Deut. 29. 21

Thou might'ſt juſtly *ſwear in thy Wrath, that we ſhould never enter into thy Reſt*; *might'ſt juſtly ſet us naked and bare, and take away our Corn in the Seaſon thereof, and our Wine in the Seaſon thereof*, and put into *our Hands the Cup of Trembling*, and make us drink even *the Dregs of that Cup.*

Pſal. 95. ult. Hoſ. 2. 3, 9. Iſa. 51. 22.

Thou art juſt in whatever thou art pleas'd *to lay upon* us; *for thou haſt done right, but we have done wickedly.* Nay, *thou our God haſt puniſhed us leſs than our Iniquities have deſerved.*

Neh. 9. 33. Ezr. 9. 13.

Thou therefore ſhalt be juſtified when thou ſpeakeſt, and clear when thou judgeſt; and we will *accept of the Puniſhment of our Iniquity*, and *humble ourſelves under thy mighty Hand*, and *ſay the Lord is righteous.*

Pſal. 51. 4. Lev. 26. 43. 1 Pet. 5. 6. 2 Chr. 12. 6.

Wherefore ſhould a living Man complain, a Man for the Puniſhment of his Sins? No, *we will bear the Indignation of the Lord, becauſe we have ſinned againſt him.*

Lam. 3. 39. Mic. 7. 9.

10. We muſt give to God the Glory of his Patience and Long-ſuffering towards us, and his Willingneſs to be reconcil'd.

O *the Riches of the Patience and Forbearance of God! how long-ſuffering is he to us-ward, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould come to Repentance.*

Rom. 2. 4. 2 Pet. 3. 9.

Pſal. 103. 10. Thou *haſt not dealt with us according to our Sin, nor rewarded us after our Iniquities*; but
Iſa. 30. 18. thou *waiteſt to be gracious to us.*
Eccl. 8. 11. *Sentence againſt our evil Works has not been*
Rev. 2. 21. *executed ſpeedily*; but *thou haſt given us Space to repent*, and make our Peace with thee;
Jer. 3. 22, 23. and *calleſt even backſliding Children to return* to thee, and haſt promiſed to *heal their Backſlidings*; and therefore, *Behold we come unto thee, for thou art the Lord our God.*
2 Pet. 3. 15. Surely *the Long-ſuffering of our Lord is Salvation*; and *if the Lord had been pleaſed to kill*
Jude 13, 23. *us*, he *would not at this time have ſhewed us ſuch things as theſe.*
Rom. 2. 4. And O that this *Goodneſs of God might lead us to Repentance!* for though *we have treſpaſ-*
Ezr. 10. 2. *ſed againſt our God*, yet *now there is Hope in* Iſrael *concerning this thing.*
Ezek. 33. 11. Thou haſt *ſaid it*, and haſt *confirm'd it with* an Oath, that *thou haſt no pleaſure in the Death of Sinners, but rather that they ſhould turn and live:* Therefore will we *rent our Hearts, and*
Joel 2. 13, 14. *not our Garments, and turn to the Lord our God; for he is gracious and merciful, ſlow to Anger, and of great Kindneſs; who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a Bleſſing behind him?*

11. We muſt humbly profeſs our Sorrow and Shame for Sin, and humbly engage our ſelves in the Strength of divine Grace, that we will be better and do better for the future.

Mat. 3. 2. Lord, we *repent, for the Kingdom of Hea-*
Acts 5. 31. *ven is at hand; to which thou haſt exalted thy Son Chriſt Jeſus to give Repentance and Remiſſion of Sins.*

We

We have heard of thee by the hearing of the Ear, but now our Eye ſees thee; wherefore we abhor ourſelves, and repent in Duſt and Aſhes. Job 42. 5, 6.

Therefore *will we be like the Doves of the Vallies, every one mourning for his Iniquities.* Ezek. 7. 16.

O that our Heads were Waters, and our Eyes Fountains of Tears, that we might weep Day and Night for our Tranſgreſſions, and might in ſuch a manner *ſow in* thoſe *Tears*, as that at laſt *we may reap in Joy*; may now *go forth weeping, bearing precious Seed, and may in due time come again with rejoycing, bringing in our Sheaves with us.* Iſa. 9. 1. Pſal. 126. 5, 6.

Our Iniquities are gone over our Heads as a heavy Burthen, they are too heavy for us; but *weary and heavy laden* under this Burthen we *come to Chriſt*, who has promiſed that in him we ſhall find *Reſt for our Souls.* Pſal. 38. 4. Mat. 11. 28.

O that *knowing every Man the Plague of his own Heart*, we may *look unto him whom we have pierced*, and *may mourn*, and *be in Bitterneſs for him, as one that is in Bitterneſs for a Firſt-born.* That *we may ſorrow after a godly ſort*, with *that Sorrow which worketh Repentance unto Salvation not to be repented of*; and that we may *remember and be confounded, and never open our Mouth any more, becauſe of our Shame when thou art pacified towards us.* 1 Kings 8. 38. Zech. 12. 10. 2 Cor. 7. 10. Ezek. 16. 63.

And, O that we may *bring forth Fruits meet for Repentance!* and *may never return again to Folly!* for *what have we to do any more with Idols? Sin ſhall not have Dominion over us, for we are not under the Law, but under Grace.* Mat. 3. 8. Pſal. 85. 8. Hoſ. 14. 8. Rom. 6. 14.

We have gone aſtray like loſt Sheep; ſeek thy Servants, for we do not forget thy Commandments. Pſal. 119. ult.

CHAP.

CHAP. III.

Of the Third Part of Prayer, which is Petition and Supplication for the Good Things which we ſtand in need of.

HAving open'd the Wounds of Sin, both the Guilt of it, and the Power of it, and its Remainders in us, we muſt next ſeek unto God for the Remedy, for Healing and Help; for from him alone it is to
Ezek. 36. 37. be expected, and he will *for this be enquired of* by us. And now we muſt affect our Hearts with a deep Senſe of the Need we have of thoſe Mercies which we pray for, that we are undone, for ever undone, without them; and with a high Eſteem and Value for them, that we are happy, we are made for ever if we obtain them; that we may, like *Jacob*, wreſtle with him in Prayer as for our Lives, and the Lives of our Souls. But we muſt not think in our Prayers to preſcribe to him, or by our Importunity to move him. He knows us
John 6. 6. better than we know our ſelves, and *knows what he will do.* But thus we open our Wants and our Deſires, and then refer ourſelves to his Wiſdom and Goodneſs: And hereby we give Honour to him as our Protector and Benefactor, and take the Way which he himſelf hath appointed of fetching in Mercy from him, and by Faith plead his Promiſe with him; and if we are ſincere herein, we are through his Grace qualified according to the Tenor

nor of the New Covenant to receive his Favours, and are to be aſſur'd, that *we do* and ſhall *receive them.* Mar. 11. 24.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our Hope is even in thee: Deliver us from all our Tranſgreſſions, that we may not be the Reproach of the Fooliſh. Pſal. 39. 7, 8.

Lord, all our Deſire is before thee, and our Groaning is not hid from thee; even *the Groanings which cannot be utter'd:* For *he that ſearcheth the Heart, knows what is the Mind of the Spirit.* Pſal. 38. 9. Rom. 8. 26, 27.

We do not think that we ſhall be heard for our much ſpeaking; for *our Father knows what things we have need of before we ask him*; but our Maſter hath told us, that *whatſoever we ask the Father in his Name he will give it us.* And he hath ſaid, *Ask and ye ſhall receive, that your Joy may be full.* Mat. 6. 7, 8. John 16. 23, 24.

And this is the Confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatſoever we ask, we know that we have the Petitions that we deſired of him. John 5. 14, 15.

1. We muſt earneſtly pray for the Pardon and Forgiveneſs of all our Sins.

Lord, we come to thee, *as the* poor *Publican*, that *ſtood afar off, and would not ſo much as lift up his Eyes to Heaven, but ſmote upon his Breaſt*; and we pray his Prayer, *God be merciful to us Sinners.* The God of infinite Mercy be *merciful* to us. Luke 18. 13.

O waſh us thoroughly from our Iniquity, and cleanſe us from our Sin; for we acknowledge our Tranſgreſſions, and our Sin is ever before us. O purge us with Hyſſop, and we ſhall be clean; waſh us, and we ſhall be whiter than Snow: Hide thy Face Pſal. 51. 2, 3, 7--9.

Face from our Sins, and blot out all our Iniquities.

Heb. 8. 12. Be *thou merciful to our Unrighteouſneſs, and our Sins and our Iniquities do thou remember no*

Mat. 18. 32. *more. O forgive us that great Debt.*

Rom. 3. 24. Let us be *juſtified freely by thy Grace thro' the Redemption that is in Jeſus, from all thoſe*

Acts 13. 39. *things from which we could not be juſtified by the Law of* Moſes.

Ezek. 18. 30. O *let not our Iniquity be our Ruin*; but *let*

1 Sam. 12. 13. *the Lord take away our Sin, that we may not*

Rev. 2. 11. *die*, not die eternally; *that we may not be hurt of the ſecond Death.*

Iſa. 44. 22. *Blot out as a Cloud our Tranſgreſſions, and as a thick Cloud our Sins*; for *we return unto thee becauſe thou haſt redeemed us.*

Pſal. 143. 2. *Enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, O Lord, for in thy Sight ſhall no Fleſh living be juſtified.*

Hoſ. 14. 2, 3, 4. *Take away all Iniquity, and receive us graciouſly*; *Heal our Backſlidings, and love us freely, and let thine Anger be turned away from us*; *for in thee the Fatherleſs findeth Mercy.*

Iſa. 1. 18. Though *our Sins have been as Scarlet, let them be as white as Snow*, and *tho' they have been red like Crimſon, let them be as Wool*, that being *willing and obedient, we may eat the Good of the Land.*

Job 10. 2. 33. 24. We *will ſay unto God, Do not condemn us, but deliver us from going down to the Pit, for thou haſt found the Ranſom.*

For the encouraging of our Faith, and the exciting of our Fervency in this Petition for the Pardon of Sin, we may plead with God,

(1.) The infinite Goodneſs of his Nature, his Readineſs to forgive Sin, and his Glorying in it.

Thou

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; *and rich in Mercy to all them that call upon thee. Thou art a God full of Compaſſion and gracious, long-ſuffering, and plenteous in Mercy and Truth.* Pſal. 86. 5, 15.

Thou art a God of Pardons, merciful, ſlow to Anger, and of great Kindneſs; that *doſt not always chide, nor keep thine Anger for ever.* Neh. 9. 17. Pſal. 103. 9.

Thou, even thou art he that blotteſt out our Tranſgreſſions for thine own ſake, and *wilt not remember our Sins,* which we are here to *put thee in remembrance of,* to *plead with thee* and to *declare, that we may be juſtified.* Iſa. 43. 25, 26.

And now we beſeech thee, let the Power of our Lord be great, according as thou haſt ſpoken, ſaying, The Lord is long-ſuffering, and of great Mercy, forgiving Iniquity and Tranſgreſſion. Pardon, we beſeech thee, the Iniquity of thy People, according unto the Greatneſs of thy Mercy; and as thou haſt forgiven even until now. Numb. 14. 17, 18, 19.

For *who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneſt Iniquity, and paſſeſt by the Tranſgreſſion of the Remnant of thine Heritage; who retaineſt not thine Anger for ever, becauſe thou delighteſt in Mercy.* O that thou would'ſt *have compaſſion upon us, and ſubdue our Iniquities, and caſt all our Sins into the Depths of the Sea.* Mic. 7. 18, 19.

2. The Merit and Righteouſneſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which we rely upon as our main Plea in our Petition for the Pardon of Sin.

We know that as thou art *gracious and merciful,* ſo thou art *the righteous God that loveth Righteouſneſs,* and *wilt by no means clear the Guilty.* We cannot ſay, *Have patience with us, and we will pay thee all*; for *we are all as an unclean thing, and all our Righteouſneſſes are as filthy Rags.* But *Jeſus Chriſt is made of God to* Pſal. 11. 7. Exod. 34. 7. Mat. 18. 26. Iſa. 64. 6. 1 Cor. 1. 30.

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us Righteouſneſs; being made Sin for us, tho' he
2 Cor. 5. 21. *knew no Sin, that we might be made the Righteouſneſs of God in him.*

1 John 2. 1, 2. *We have ſinned, but we have an Advocate with the Father, Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous, who is the Propitiation for our Sins; and not for ours only, but for the Sins of the whole World.*

Rom. 8. 33, 34. *It is God that juſtifieth, who is he that ſhall condemn? It is Chriſt that died, yea rather that is riſen again,* and *now is even at the Right Hand of God, who alſo maketh Interceſſion*
Heb. 12. 24. *for us,* and whoſe *Blood ſpeaks better things than that of* Abel.

Phil. 3. 7, 8, 9. We deſire *to count every thing loſs for Chriſt; and dung that we may win Chriſt, and be found in him, not having any Righteouſneſs of our own, but that which is through the Faith of Chriſt.*

Jer. 23. 6. *This is the Name whereby we will call him, The Lord our Righteouſneſs. In him, Lord, we believe, help thou our Unbelief.*

Pſal. 132. 1, 10. *Lord, remember* David *and all his Troubles;* the Son of *David. Remember all his Offerings,*
Pſal. 20. 3. *and accept his Burnt Sacrifice;* and *turn not away the Face of thine Anointed;* who *by his*
Heb. 9. 24. *own Blood is enter'd into Heaven it ſelf, now to appear in the Preſence of God for us.*

Rom. 3. 25, 26. Haſt not thou *thy ſelf ſet forth thy Son Chriſt Jeſus to be a Propitiation for Sin through Faith in his Blood, to declare thy Righteouſneſs for the Remiſſion of Sins, to declare at this time thy Righteouſneſs, that thou may'ſt be juſt and the Juſtifier of him that believeth in Jeſus;* And
Rom. 5. 11. *we now receive the Atonement.*

(3.) The Promiſes God hath made in his Word to pardon and abſolve all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Goſpel.

Lord,

Lord, is not this the Word which thou haſt ſpoken, *that if the Wicked forſake his Way, and the unrighteous Man his Thoughts, and return unto the Lord, even to our God, that thou wilt abundantly pardon*, wilt *multiply to pardon?* Iſa. 55. 7.

To thee *the Lord our God belong Mercies and Forgiveneſſes, tho' we have rebelled againſt thee.* Dan. 9. 8.

Is not this *the Covenant which thou haſt made with the Houſe of* Iſrael, *that thou wilt take away their Sins; that thou wilt forgive their Iniquity, and remember their Sin no more*; that *the Iniquity of* Iſrael *ſhall be ſought for, and there ſhall be none; and the Sins of* Judah, *and they ſhall not be found?* Rom. 11. 27. Jer. 31. 34. Jer. 50. 20.

Haſt thou not ſaid, that *if the Wicked will turn from all his Sins which he hath committed, and keep thy Statutes, he ſhall live, he ſhall not die, all his Tranſgreſſions ſhall not be mention'd unto him?* Ezek. 18. 21, 22.

Haſt thou not appointed that *Repentance and Remiſſion of Sins ſhould be preach'd in Chriſt's Name unto all Nations?* Luke 24. 47.

Didſt thou not promiſe, that when *the Sins of* Iſrael *were put upon the Head of the Scape Goat, they ſhould be ſent away into the Wilderneſs, into a Land not inhabited?* And *as far as the Eaſt is from the Weſt, ſo far doſt thou remove our Tranſgreſſions from us.* Lev. 16. 22, 23. Pſal. 103. 12.

O *remember theſe Words unto thy Servants, upon which thou haſt cauſed us to hope.* Pſal. 119. 49.

(4.) Our own Miſery and Danger becauſe of Sin.

For thy Name's ſake, O Lord, pardon our Iniquity, for it is great; for *innumerable Evils have compaſſed us about, our Iniquities have taken hold upon us, ſo that we are not able to look up. Be pleas'd, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, make haſte to help us.* Pſal. 25. 11. 40. 12, 13.

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Pſal. 79. 8, 9. *O remember not againſt us former Iniquities; let thy tender Mercy ſpeedily prevent us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the Glory of thy Name: Deliver us, and purge away our Sins for thy Name's ſake.*

Pſal. 25. 7. *Remember not the Sins of our Youth, nor our Tranſgreſſions; according to thy Mercy remember thou us, for thy Goodneſs ſake, O Lord.*

(5.) The bleſſed Condition which they are in whoſe Sins are pardon'd.

Pſal. 32. 1, 2. O let us have *the Bleſſedneſs of thoſe whoſe Tranſgreſſion is forgiven, and whoſe Sin is covered; of that Man unto whom the Lord imputeth not Iniquity, and in whoſe Spirit there is no Guile.*

Eph. 1. 7, 8. O *let us have Redemption through Chriſt's Blood, even the Forgiveneſs of Sins, according to the Riches of thy Grace, wherein thou haſt abounded towards us in all Wiſdom and Prudence.*

Rom. 8. 1. That being *in Chriſt Jeſus, there may be no Condemnation to us.*

Luke 7. 47, 50. That *our Sins, which are many, being forgiven us,* we may *go in Peace:* And *the Inhabitant ſhall not ſay, I am ſick, if the People that dwell therein be forgiven their Iniquity.*

Iſa. 33. ult.

2. We muſt likewiſe pray that God will be reconciled to us, that we may obtain his Favour and Bleſſing, and gracious Acceptance.

(1.) That we may be at Peace with God; and his Anger may be turn'd away from us.

Rom. 5. 1, 2. Being *juſtified by Faith,* let us have *Peace with God through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and through him let us have acceſs into that Grace wherein* Believers *ſtand,* and *rejoice in Hope of the Glory of God.*

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Be not thou a Terror to us, for thou art our Hope in the Day of Evil. Jer. 17. 17.

In Chriſt Jeſus let us, who *ſometimes were afar off, be made nigh by the Blood of Chriſt; For he is our Peace, who hath broken down the middle Wall of Partition between us, and that he might reconcile us to God by his Croſs, hath ſlain the Enmity thereby, ſo making Peace. Thro' him therefore let us who had made our ſelves Strangers and Foreigners, become Fellow Citizens with the Saints, and of the Houſhold of God.* Eph. 2. 13, 14, 15, 19.

Fury is not in thee, who would ſet the Briars and Thorns againſt thee in Battel, thou wouldeſt go through them, yea thou would'ſt burn them together; but thou haſt encouraged us to take hold on thy Strength that we may make Peace, and haſt promiſed that we ſhall make Peace; O let us therefore acquaint our ſelves with thee, and be at peace, that thereby Good may come unto us. Iſa. 27. 4, 5; Job 22. 21.

Heal us, and we ſhall be healed; ſave us, and we ſhall be ſaved; for thou art our Praiſe. Be not angry with us for ever, but receive us again, that thy People may rejoice in thee. Shew us thy Mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy Salvation. Jer. 17. 14. Pſal. 85. 5, 6.

(2.) That we may be taken into Covenant with God, and admitted into relation to him.

Be thou to us a God, and *take us to be to thee a People, and make us a willing People in the Day of thy Power.* Heb. 8. 10. Pſal. 110. 3.

Tho' we are *no more worthy to be called thy Children*; for *how ſhould'ſt thou put us* that have been rebellious *among the Children, and give us the pleaſant Land?* But *thou haſt ſaid that we ſhall call thee our Father, and not turn away from thee. Shall we not therefore from this time cry unto thee, Our Father, thou art the Guide of our Youth.* Luke 15. 19. Jer. 3. 19. Jer. 3. 4.

Iſa. 56. 4. Lord, we *take hold of thy Covenant*, to thee
Jer. 50. 5. we *join our ſelves in a perpetual Covenant*; O
Ezek. 20. 37. that thou would'ſt *cauſe us to paſs under the Rod, and bring us into the Bond of the Covenant,*
16. 8. *that we may become thine.*
Iſa. 55. 3. *Make with us an everlaſting Covenant, even the ſure Mercies of* David.

(3.) That we may have the Favour of God, and an Intereſt in his ſpecial Love.

Pſal. 119. 58. We *intreat thy Favour, O God, with our whole Hearts*; *be merciful to us according to*
Pſal. 30. 5. *thy Word*, for *in thy Favour is Life*, yea, *thy*
63. 3. *loving Kindneſs is better than Life* it ſelf.
Numb. 6. 25, 26. *Lord, make thy Face to ſhine upon us, and be gracious unto us*; Lord, *lift up the Light of thy Countenance upon us, and give us Peace.*
Pſal. 106. 4, 5. *Remember us, O Lord, with the Favour that thou beareſt unto thy People. O viſit us with thy Salvation, that we may ſee the Good of thy Choſen, and may rejoice in the Gladneſs of thy Nation, and may glory with thine Inheritance.*

(4.) That we may have the Bleſſing of God.

Pſal. 67. 1, 6. *O God, be merciful to us and bleſs us, and cauſe thy Face to ſhine upon us*; *yea let God, even our own God, give us his Bleſſing.*
Pſal. 134. 3. *The Lord that made Heaven and Earth, bleſs*
Eph. 1. 3. *us out of* Zion; *bleſs us with all ſpiritual Bleſſings in Heavenly Things by Chriſt Jeſus*
1 Chr. 4. 10. *O that thou would'ſt bleſs us indeed! Com-*
Pſal. 133. 3. *mand the Bleſſing upon us, even Life for ever-*
1 Chr. 17. 27. *more*; for *thou bleſſeſt, O Lord, and it ſhall be bleſſed.*
Pſal. 24. 5. Let us *receive the Bleſſing from the Lord, even Righteouſneſs from the God of our Salvation.*
Gen. 27. 38. *Haſt thou but one Bleſſing?* Yea, thou haſt many Bleſſings: *Bleſs us, even us alſo, O our Father*;

Father ; yea, *let the Bleſſing of* Abraham *come upon us*, which *comes upon the Gentiles through Faith.* And the *Bleſſing of* Jacob, for we *would not let thee go, except thou bleſs us.* Gal. 3. 14. Gen. 32. 6.

(5.) That we may have the Preſence of God with us.

If thy Preſence go not up with us, carry us not up hence ; *never leave us nor forſake us.* Exod. 33. 15. Heb. 13. 5.

O caſt us not away from thy Preſence, nor ever take thy Holy Spirit away from us ; but let us always *dwell* with *the Upright in thy Preſence.* Pſal. 51. 11. Pſal. 140. 13.

3. We muſt pray for the comfortable Senſe of our Reconciliation to God, and our Acceptance with him.

(1.) That we may have ſome Evidence of the Pardon of our Sins, and of our Adoption.

O *make us to hear Joy and Gladneſs, that the Bones which Sin hath broken may rejoice.* Pſal. 51. 8.

Say unto each of *us, Son,* Daughter, *be of good cheer, thy Sins are forgiven thee.* Mat. 9. 2.

Let *the Blood of Chriſt, who through the Eternal Spirit offered himſelf without Spot to God, purge our Conſcience from dead Works to ſerve* thee *the living God.* Heb. 9. 14.

Let *thy Spirit witneſs with our Spirit that we are the Children of God* ; *and if Children, then Heirs, Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Chriſt.* Rom. 8. 16, 17.

Say unto our Souls, that thou art our Salvation. Pſal. 35. 3.

(2.) That we may have a well-grounded Peace of Conſcience ; a holy Security and Serenity of Mind ariſing from the Senſe of our Juſtification before God, and a good Work wrought in us.

2 Theſſ. 3. 16. *The Lord of Peace himſelf give us Peace, all Peace, always, by all means; that Peace* which John 14. 27. Jeſus Chriſt hath *left with us*, which he *gives to us*, ſuch a *Peace as the World can neither give* nor take away; ſuch a Peace as that *our Hearts may not be troubled or afraid.*

Iſa. 32. 17. Let *the Work of Righteouſneſs* in our Souls *be Peace, and the Effect of Righteouſneſs, Quietneſs and Aſſurance for ever.*

Pſal. 85. 8. *Speak Peace unto thy People and to thy Saints, and let not them turn again to Folly.*

Iſa. 57. 18, 19. *O Create the Fruit of the Lips, Peace, Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh*, and *reſtore Comfort to thy Mourners.*

Luke 10. 6. Where *the Sons of Peace are*, let *thy Peace* find them out, and *reſt upon them.*

Pſal. 143. 8. *Cauſe us to hear thy loving Kindneſs*, and to
1 Pet. 2. 3. *taſte that thou art gracious, for in thee do we truſt.*

Phil. 4. 7. Let *the Peace of God, which paſſeth all Underſtanding, keep our Hearts and Minds through*
Col. 3. 15. *Chriſt Jeſus*; and let *that Peace rule in our Hearts, unto which we are called.*

Rom. 15. 13. *Now the God of Hope fill us with all Joy and Peace in believing, that we may abound in Hope through the Power of the Holy Ghoſt.*

4. We muſt pray for the Grace of God, and all the kind and powerful Inſtances and Operations of that Grace.

Heb. 4. 16. We *come to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain* not only *Mercy to pardon*, but *Grace to help in every time of need*; *Grace for ſeaſonable Help.*

John 1. 16. From *the Fulneſs that is in Jeſus Chriſt* (in
Col. 1. 19. whom *it pleaſed the Father that all Fulneſs ſhould dwell) let every one of us receive, and Grace for Grace.*

1. We

1. We muſt pray for Grace to fortify us againſt every evil Thought, Word and Work. Having been earneſt for the removing of the Guilt of Sin, that we may not die for it as a Crime; we muſt be no leſs earneſt for the breaking of the Power of Sin, that we may not die by it as a Diſeaſe; but that it may be mortified in us.

O *let no Iniquity have Dominion over us, becauſe we are not under the Law, but under Grace.* Rom. 6. 14.

Let *the Fleſh* be *crucified in us with its Affections and Luſts; that walking in the Spirit we may not fulfil the Luſts of the Fleſh.* Gal. 5. 16,24.

Let *our old Man be crucified with Chriſt, that the Body of Sin may be deſtroy'd, that henceforth we may not ſerve Sin; and let not Sin reign in our mortal Bodies* (in our immortal Souls) *that we ſhould obey it in the Luſts thereof.* But being *made free from Sin*, let us *become the Servants of Righteouſneſs.* Rom. 6. 6, 12, 18.

Let *the Law of the Spirit of Life, which is in Chriſt Jeſus, make us free from the Law of Sin and Death.* Rom. 8. 2.

Give us Grace to *put off the old Man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful Luſts, that we may put on the new Man, which after God is created in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs.* Eph. 4. 22,24.

That *the World may be crucified to us, and we to the World, by the Croſs of Chriſt:* Gal. 6. 14.

And that the Temptations of Satan may not overcome us.

We *pray that we may not enter into temptation:* Or however, *That no Temptation may take us but ſuch as is common to Men, and let the Faithful God never ſuffer us to be tempted above what we are able, but with the Temptation make a way for us to eſcape.* Mat. 26. 41. 1 Cor. 10. 13.

Eph. 6. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. *Put upon us the whole Armour of God, that we may be able to ſtand againſt the Wiles of the Devil,* to *withſtand in the evil Day, and having done all to ſtand*; Let our *Loins be girt about with Truth,* put on us *the Breaſt-plate of Righteouſneſs,* and let *our Feet* be *ſhod with the Preparation of the Goſpel of Peace.* Give us *the Shield of Faith, wherewith we may quench all the fiery Darts of the Wicked, and the Helmet of Salvation*; *and* let *the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,* be always ready to us.

Jam. 4. 7. 1 Pet. 5. 9. Rom. 16. 20. Enable us ſo to *reſiſt the Devil,* as that he may *flee from us*; to reſiſt him *ſtedfaſt in the Faith.* And *the God of Peace tread Satan under our Feet,* and do it *ſhortly.*

2. We muſt pray for Grace to furniſh us for every good Thought, Word, and Work; that we may not only be kept from Sin, but may be in every Thing as we ſhould be, and do as we ſhould do.

1 Cor. 1. 30. Let *Chriſt be made of God to us* not only *Righteouſneſs,* but *Wiſdom, Sanctification and Redemption.*

Rom. 6. 4. Let us be *planted together in the Likeneſs of* Chriſt's *Death and Reſurrection,* that *as he was raiſed from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, ſo we alſo may walk in Newneſs of Life.*

(1.) That the Work of Grace may be wrought there where it is not yet begun.

Pſal. 15. 13. Lord, *teach Tranſgreſſors thy Ways, and let Sinners be converted unto thee*; and *let the Diſobedient be turn'd to the Wiſdom of the Juſt,* and *made ready, a People prepared for the Lord.*

Luke 1. 17.

Eph. 2. 1. Let thoſe be *quickened that are* yet *dead in Treſpaſſes and Sins: Say unto them, Live*; yea,

Ezek. 16, 6, 8. *ſay unto them, Live*; and *the Time ſhall be a time of Love.*

Open

Open their Eyes, and turn them from Darkneſs to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God, that they may receive Forgiveneſs of Sins, and an Inheritance among them which are ſanctified. Acts 26. 18.

By the Blood of the Covenant ſend forth the Priſoners out of the Pit in which is no Water, that they may *turn to the Strong-hold, as Priſoners of Hope.* Zech. 9. 11, 12.

Let the Word of God prevail *to the pulling down of Strong-holds,* and *the caſting down of Imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itſelf againſt the Knowledge of God,* and let *every Thought be brought into Obedience to Chriſt.* 2 Cor. 10. 5.

2. That where it is begun it may be carried on, and at length perfected; and the Foundation that is well laid may be happily built upon.

Fulfil in us *all the good Pleaſure of thy Goodneſs, and the Work of Faith with Power.* 2 Theſſ. 1. 11.

Let the God that has *begun a good Work in us, perform it unto the Day of Chriſt.* Phil. 1. 6.

Perfect, O God, that which concerns us: Thy Mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; forſake not the Work of thine own Hands. Pſal. 138. 8.

Lord, let *thy Grace* be *ſufficient for us,* and *let thy Strength be made perfect in Weakneſs,* that *where we are weak, there we may be ſtrong; ſtrong in the Lord and the Power of his Might.* 2 Cor. 12. 9, 10. Eph. 6. 10.

More particularly we muſt pray for Grace.

1. To teach and inſtruct us, and make us knowing and intelligent in the Things of God.

Give us ſo to *cry after Knowledge and lift up our voice for Underſtanding, to ſeek for it as Silver, and to ſearch for it as for hid Treaſure, that we may underſtand the Fear of the Lord, and find the Knowledge of God.* Prov. 2. 3, 4, 5.

Heb. 8. 11. Hoſ. 6. 3. John 17. 3. Give us *all* to *know thee*, *from the leaſt even to the greateſt*, and to *follow on to know thee*; and ſo to *know thee the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent, as may be Life Eternal to us.*

Eph. 1. 17, 18, 19. *Give us the Spirit of Wiſdom and Revelation* in *the Knowledge of Chriſt, that the Eyes of our Underſtanding being enlighten'd, we may know what is the Hope of his Calling, and what the Riches of the Glory of his Inheritance in the Saints, and* may experience *what is the exceeding Greatneſs of his Power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty Power.*

Pſal. 119. 18. *Open thou our Eyes, that we may ſee the wondrous things of thy Law and Goſpel.*

Luke 1. 4. Give us to *know the Certainty of thoſe things wherein we have been inſtructed*; and let our Knowledge grow up to *all Riches of the full Aſſurance of Underſtanding, to the Acknowledgment of the Myſtery of God, even of the Father and of Chriſt.*

Pſal. 119. 124, 125, 169. Pſ. 111. 10. *Deal with thy Servants according to thy Mercy, and teach us thy Statutes; we are thy Servants, give us Underſtanding that we may know thy Teſtimonies. Let our Cry come before thee, O Lord, give us Underſtanding according to thy Word, that good Underſtanding which they have that do thy Commandments; whoſe Praiſe endureth for ever.*

2. To lead us into, and keep us in the way of Truth, and if in any thing we be in an Error, to rectify our Miſtake.

John 16. 13. Job 6. 24. Let the *Spirit of Truth guide us into all Truth*, and *cauſe us to underſtand wherein we have erred.*

That

That which we ſee not teach thou us, and enable us ſo *to prove all things, as to hold faſt that which is good.* Job 34. 32. 1 Theſſ. 5. 21.

Lord, grant that we may not be *as Children, toſſed to and fro, and carried about with every Wind of Doctrine, by the ſleight of Men, but by ſpeaking the Truth in Love, may grow up into Chriſt in all things, who is the Head.* Eph. 4. 14, 15.

Lord, give us ſo to *do thy Will, as that we may know the Doctrine whether it be of God*; and ſo to *know the Truth*, as that *the Truth may make us free, may make us free indeed.* John 7. 17. 8. 32, 36.

Enable us, we pray thee, to *hold faſt the Form of ſound Words, which we have heard, in Faith and Love, which is in Chriſt Jeſus, and to continue in the things which we have learned and been aſſured of.* 2 Tim. 1. 13. 3. 14.

3. To help our Memories, that the Truths of God may be ready to us, whenever we have occaſion to uſe them.

Lord, let *thy Spirit teach us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatſoever thou haſt ſaid unto us*; that *the Word of Chriſt may dwell richly in us in all Wiſdom and ſpiritual Underſtanding.* John 14. 26. Col. 3. 16.

Lord, grant that we may *give a more earneſt heed to the things which we have heard, leſt at any time we let them ſlip*, and may *keep in memory what hath been preached to us*, and *may not believe in vain.* Heb. 2. 1.

Lord, make us ready and *mighty in the Scriptures, that we may be perfect, thoroughly furniſhed unto all good Works*; and being *well inſtructed into the Kingdom of Heaven*, may, *as the good Houſholder, bring out of our Treaſure things new and old.* Acts 18. 29. 2 Tim. 3. 17.

4. To

4. To direct our Conſciences, to ſhew us the Way of our Duty, and to make us wiſe, knowing, judicious, Chriſtians.

1 Kings 3. 9. Eccl. 10. 10. Prov. 14. 8. Lord, *give us a wiſe and an underſtanding Heart*, that *Wiſdom which* in all Caſes *is profitable to direct*; that *Wiſdom of the Prudent which is to underſtand his Way.*

Phil. 1. 9. 10, 11. *This we pray, that our Love may abound yet more and more in Knowledge, and in all Judgment, that we may diſcern things that differ,* and *may approve things that are excellent*; *That we may be ſincere and without Offence unto the Day of Chriſt, and may be filled with the Fruits of Righteouſneſs, which are by Jeſus Chriſt unto the Glory and Praiſe of God.*

Col. 1. 9, 10. O that *we may be filled with the Knowledge of thy Will in all Wiſdom and ſpiritual Underſtanding*; *That we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleaſing, being fruitful in every good Work, and increaſing in the Knowledge of God.*

Pſal. 27. 11. *Teach us thy Way, O God, and lead us in a plain Path, becauſe of our Obſervers.*

2 Chr. 20. 12. When *we know not what to do, our Eyes are up unto thee*; Then let us *hear the Word behind us, ſaying, This is the Way, walk in it, that we turn not to the Right Hand, or to the Left.*

Iſa. 30. 21.

Pſ. 119. 133. *Order our Steps in thy Word, and let no Iniquity have dominion over us.*

5. To ſanctify our Nature, to plant in us all holy Principles and Diſpoſitions, and to increaſe every Grace in us.

1 Theſſ. 5. 23, 24. *The very God of Peace ſanctify us wholly, and we pray God our whole Spirit, and Soul and Body, may be preſerved blameleſs unto the Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt*; *for faithful is he that calleth us, who alſo will do it.*

Create

Create in us a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within us; Caſt us not away from thy Preſence, and take not thy Holy Spirit away from us; Reſtore unto us the Joy of thy Salvation, and uphold us with thy free Spirit. Pſal. 51. 10, 11, 12.

Write thy Law in our Hearts, and put it in our outward Part, that we may be *the Epiſtles of Chriſt written by the Spirit of the living God, not in Tables of Stone, but in fleſhly Tables of the Heart, that the Law of our God being in our Heart, none of our Steps may ſlide,* and *we may delight to do thy Will, O God, may delight in the Law of God after the inward Man.* Heb. 8. 10. 2 Cor. 3. 3. Pſal. 37. 31. 40. 8. Rom. 7. 22.

O that we may *obey from the Heart that Form of Doctrine into which we deſire* to be *deliver'd,* as into a Mold, that our *whole* Souls may be *leaven'd by it*; and that we may *not be conformed to this World,* but *transformed by the renewing of our Mind, may not faſhion our ſelves after our former Luſts in our Ignorance, but, as obedient Children, may be holy in all manner of Converſation, as he which hath called us is holy.* Rom. 6. 17. Mat. 13. 23. Rom. 12. 2. 1 Pet. 1. 14.

(1.) We muſt pray for Faith.

Unto us (Lord) *let it be given to believe*; for the *Faith* by which *we are ſaved is not of our ſelves; it is the Gift of God.* Phil. 1. 29. Eph. 2. 8.

Lord, increaſe our Faith; and *perfect what is lacking in* it, that we may be *ſtrong in Faith, giving Glory to God.* Luke 17. 5. 1 Theſſ. 3. 10. Rom. 4. 20.

Lord, give us ſo to be *crucified with Chriſt,* as that *the Life we now live in the Fleſh we may live by the Faith of the Son of God who loved us, and gave himſelf for us*; And ſo to *bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jeſus, as that the Life alſo of Jeſus may be manifeſted in our mortal Bodies.* Gal. 2. 20. 2 Cor. 4. 10.

As

Col. 2. 6, 7. *As we have received Chriſt Jeſus the Lord*, enable us ſo to *walk in him*, *rooted and built up in him, and ſtabliſhed in the Faith as we have been taught, abounding therein with Thankſgiving.*

Heb. 4. 2. Let every *Word* of thine *profit us, being mixed with Faith*, by which we *receive thy*

John 3. 33. *Teſtimony*, and *ſet to our Seal that God is true.*

We beſeech thee work in us that *Faith*

Heb. 11. 1. which *is the Subſtance of things hoped for, and the Evidence of things not ſeen*, by which we

2 Cor. 4. 18. may *look above the things that are ſeen that are temporal*, and may *look at the things that are not ſeen that are eternal.*

Pſal. 16. 8. Enable us by Faith to *ſet the Lord always*

25. 15. *before us*, and to *have our Eyes ever towards him*; that we may act in every thing *as ſeeing him that is inviſible*, and *having a reſpect to*

Heb. 11. 26, 27. *the Recompence of Reward.*

Acts 15. 9. Let *our Hearts be purified by Faith*, and let

1 John 5. 4. it be *our Victory overcoming the World.* And let us be kept from *fainting* by *believing that*

Pſal. 27. 13. *we ſhall ſee the Goodneſs of the Lord in the Land of the Living.*

(2.) We muſt pray for the Fear of God.

Prov. 1. 7. Lord, work in us that *Fear of thee* which is *the Beginning of Wiſdom*, which *is the In-*

15. 33. *ſtruction of Wiſdom*, and which is *a Fountain of*

14. 27. *Life to depart from the Snares of Death.*

Pſal. 86. 11. *Unite our Hearts to fear thy Name*, that we

Eccl. 12. 13. may *keep thy Commandments*, which is *the whole of Man.*

Jer. 32. 40. O *put thy Fear into our Hearts, that we may*

Pſal. 119. 38. *never depart from thee.* Let us all be *devoted*

Prov. 23. 17. *to thy Fear*; And let *us be in the Fear of the Lord every Day*, and *all the Day long.*

(3.) We

(3.) We muſt pray that the Love of God and Chriſt may be rooted in us, and in order thereunto, that the Love of the World may be rooted out of us.

Give us Grace (we beſeech thee) to *love thee the Lord our God with all our Heart and Soul, and Mind and Might*, which is *the firſt and great Commandment*, to *ſet our love upon thee*, and to *delight ourſelves always in thee*, and therein *we ſhall have the Deſire of our Heart.* Mat. 22. 37. Pſal. 91. 14. 37. 4.

Circumciſe our Hearts to *love thee the Lord our* God *with all our Heart and with all our Soul, that we may live.* Deut. 30. 6.

O that the *Love of God may be ſhed abroad in our Hearts by the Holy Ghoſt.* Rom. 5. 5.

O that *Jeſus Chriſt* may be *very precious to us*, as he is *to all that believe*, that he may be in our account *the chiefeſt of ten thouſands, and altogether lovely*; and that he may be *our Beloved and our Friend:* That tho' we *have not ſeen him*, yet we may *love him*; and *tho' now we ſee him not, yet believing, we may rejoice with Joy unſpeakable and full of Glory.* 1 Pet. 2. 7. Cant. 5. 10, 16. 1 Pet. 1. 8.

Let the *Love of Chriſt* to us *conſtrain us* to *live*, not *to our ſelves, but to him that died for us, and roſe again.* 2 Cor. 5. 14.

And, Lord, grant that we may *not love the World, nor the things that are in the World*, becauſe *if any Man love the World, the Love of the Father is not in him*; that we may *ſet Affections on things above, and not on things that are on the Earth.* 1 Joh. 2. 15.

(4.) We muſt pray that our Conſciences may be always tender, and that we may live a Life of Repentance.

Lord,

Ezek. 11. 19. Lord, *take away the ſtony Heart out of our Fleſh, and give us a Heart of Fleſh.*

1 Theſſ. 5. 22. Make us afraid of *all Appearances of Evil, and careful not to give Satan Advantage againſt*
2 Cor. 2. 11. *us, as being not ignorant of his Devices.*

Prov. 28. 14. Lord, give us the *Happineſs* which they have that *fear always*, that when we *think*
1 Cor. 10. 12. *we ſtand, we may take heed leſt we fall.*

(5.) We muſt pray to God to work in us Charity and brotherly Love.

Lord, put upon us that *Charity* which is
Col. 3. 14. the *Bond of Perfectneſs*, that we may *keep the*
Eph. 4. 3. *Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace*, and
2 Cor. 13. 11. may *live in Love and Peace, that the God of Love and Peace may be with us.*

Rom. 13. 9, 10. Lord, give us to *love our Neighbour as our ſelves*, with that *Love* which is *the fulfilling of*
1 Pet. 1. 22. *the Law*; to *love one another with a pure Heart*
John 13. 35. *fervently*, that *hereby all Men may know that we are Chriſt's Diſciples.*

1 Theſſ. 4. 9, 10. And *as we are taught of God, to love one another*, give us to *abound therein more and more*,
Gal. 6. 10. and *as we have opportunity to do good to all Men*,
Rom. 12. 18. and *as much as in us lies to live peaceably with*
14. 19. *all Men*, always *following after the things that make for Peace, and things wherewith one may edify one another.*

Mat. 5. 44. Lord, make us able to *love our Enemies, to bleſs them that curſe us*, and to *pray for them that deſpitefully uſe us*, and *to do good to them that hate us, forbearing one another, and forgi-*
Col. 3. 13. *ving one another in Love, as Chriſt forgave us.*

(6.) We muſt pray for the Grace of Self-denial.

Mat. 16. 24. Lord, give us Grace to *deny our ſelves, to take up our Croſs daily*, and *to follow Chriſt*, to
1 Cor. 9. 27. *keep under the Body, and bring it in Subjection.*

Lord,

Lord, keep us from being *Lovers of our own ſelves*, from being *wiſe in our own Conceit*, and *leaning to our Underſtanding*. 2 Tim. 3. 1. Prov. 3. 5, 7.

Lord, give us to *ſeek not our own only, but every one his Brother's Welfare*. 1 Cor. 10. 24.

And grant that *none of us may live to our ſelves, or die to our ſelves*, but *whether we live or die we may be the Lord's*, and *may live and die to him*. Rom. 14. 6, 7.

(7.) We muſt pray for Humility and Meekneſs.

Lord, give us all to *learn of Chriſt to be meek and lowly in Heart, that we may find Reſt to our Souls*; and that herein *the ſame Mind may be in us, that was alſo in Chriſt Jeſus*. Mat. 11. 29. Phil. 2. 5.

Lord, *hide Pride from us*, and *cloath us* with *Humility*, and *put upon us the Ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which in thy Sight is of great Price*. Job 33. 17. 1 Pet. 5. 5. 3. 4.

Lord, give us Grace to *walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith we are called, with all Lowlineſs and Meekneſs, with Long-ſuffering forbearing one another in Love*. Eph. 4. 1, 2.

Let *Anger* never *reſt in our Boſoms*, nor *the Sun ever go down upon our Wrath*; but enable us to *ſhew all Meekneſs towards all Men, becauſe we our ſelves alſo were ſometimes fooliſh and diſobedient*. Eccl. 7. 9. Eph. 4. 26. Tit. 3. 2, 3.

Let us be cloathed as becomes *the Elect of God, holy and beloved, with Bowels of Mercies, Kindneſs, Humbleneſs of Mind, Meekneſs, and Long-ſuffering*, that being *merciful as our Father which is in Heaven is merciful*, we may be *perfect as he is perfect*. Col. 3. 12. Luke 6. 36. Mat. 5. ult.

(8.) We muſt pray for the Grace of Contentment and Patience, and a holy Indifferency to all the things of Senſe and Time.

Lord,

Phil. 4. 11, 12. Lord, teach us *whatſoever State we are in therewith to be content*; let us *know both how to be abaſed, and how to abound*; *every where and in all things let us be inſtructed both to be full and* 1 Tim. 6. 6. *to be hungry, both to abound, and to ſuffer Need*; Prov. 15, 16. And let *Godlineſs with Contentment be great* 17. 1. *Gain to us*; and *a little with the Fear of the Lord and Quietneſs, is better than great Treaſure and Trouble therewith.*

Heb. 13. 5. Lord, grant that *our Converſation* may be *without Covetouſneſs*, and we may always be *content with ſuch things as we have*; ſtill ſaying, *The Will of the Lord be done.* Acts 21. 14.

Luke 21. 19. Enable us *in our Patience* to *poſſeſs our* own *Souls*; and let *Patience* always *have its perfect* Jam. 1. 4. *Work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

1 Cor. 7. 29, 30, 31. Lord, give us Grace to *weep as tho' we wept not*, and *to rejoice as tho' we rejoiced not, and to buy as tho' we poſſeſſed not, and to uſe this World as not abuſing it, becauſe the Time is ſhort*, and *the Faſhion of this World paſſeth away.*

(9.) We muſt pray for the Grace of Hope; a Hope in God and Chriſt, and a Hope of Eternal Life.

Rom. 5. 4, 5. Let *Patience work Experience* in us, and *Experience Hope*, ſuch a *Hope as maketh not aſham'd.* 15. 4. *Through Patience and Comfort of the Scriptures* 8. 24. *let us have Hope*, and be *ſaved by Hope.*

Pſal. 146. 5. Let the *God of Jacob* be *our Help*, and *our Hope* always be *in the Lord our God.*

1 Pet. 1. 3. Let us be *begotten again to a lively Hope by the Reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt*, and let that Heb. 6. 19, 20. Hope be to us *as an Anchor of the Soul, ſure and ſtedfaſt, entring into that within the Vail, whither the Forerunner is for us enter'd.*

Let

Let us have *Chriſt in us the Hope of Glory*, and *never be moved away from that Hope of the Goſpel*; but enable us to *give Diligence unto the full Aſſurance of Hope unto the End.* Col. 1. 23, 27. Heb. 6. 11.

6. We muſt pray for Grace to preſerve us from Sin, and all Appearances of it and Approaches towards it.

Now *we pray to God that we may do no Evil*, but may be *blameleſs and harmleſs as the Children of God, without Rebuke, in the midſt of a crooked and perverſe Generation.* 2 Cor. 13. 7. Phil. 2. 15.

Turn away our Eyes from beholding Vanity, and *quicken thou us in thy Way*; *Remove from us the Way of Lying, and grant us thy Law graciouſly.* Pſal. 119. 37. 29.

Incline not our Hearts to any evil thing, to practiſe wicked Works with them that work Iniquity, and let us not eat of their Dainties. Pſal. 141. 4.

O *cleanſe us from our ſecret Faults, keep back thy Servants* alſo *from preſumptuous Sins*; *let not them have Dominion over us*, but let us be *upright and innocent from the great Tranſgreſſions*; and grant that hereby we may *prove our ſelves upright before thee*, by *keeping our ſelves from our* own *Iniquity.* Pſal. 19. 12, 13. Pſal. 18. 23.

Let *thy Word* be *hid in our Hearts, that we may not ſin againſt thee*, and *thy Grace* be at all times *ſufficient for us*, ready to us and mighty in us, and never *give us up to our own Hearts Luſt, to walk in our own Counſels.* Pſal. 119. 11. 2 Cor. 12. 9. Pſal. 81. 12.

Enable us to *walk circumſpectly, not as Fools, but as wiſe*, ſo circumſpectly, that we may *cut off Occaſion from them which deſire Occaſion* to *blaſpheme that worthy Name by which we are called*, and *with well-doing may put to ſilence the Ignorance of fooliſh Men*, and may *adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour*, in all things. Eph. 5. 15. 2 Cor. 11. 12. Jam. 3. 7. 1 Pet. 2. 15. Tit. 2. 10.

7. We muſt pray for Grace to enable us both to govern our Tongues well, and to uſe them well.

Pſal. 39. 1. Lord, enable us to *take heed to our Ways, that we offend not with our Tongue*, and *to keep*
Eccl. 5. 2. *our Mouth as it were with a Bridle*, that it may not be *haſty to utter any thing.*

Pſal. 141. 3. *Set a Watch, O Lord, before our Mouth, keep*
Jam. 3. 2. *the Door of our Lips*, that we may not *offend in Word.*

Col. 4. 6. *Let our Speech be always with Grace ſeaſon'd with Salt*, and enable us always *out of the good*
Mat. 12. 35. *Treaſure of our Heart to bring forth good things.*
Pſal. 37. 30. *Let our Mouth ſpeak Wiſdom, and our Tongue talk of Judgment*; and *let not thy Words depart*
Iſa. 59. 21. *out of our Mouth, nor out of the Mouth of our Seed*, or *our Seed's Seed, from henceforth and for ever.*

Prov. 31. 26. Enable us always to *open our Mouth with Wiſdom*, and *let the Law of Kindneſs be in our*
10. 32. *Tongue:* Give us to *know what is acceptable*,
20, 21. that our *Tongue* may be *as choice Silver*, and *our Lips may find many.*

8. We muſt pray for Grace to direct and quicken us to, and to ſtrengthen and aſſiſt us in our Duty, in the whole Courſe of our Converſation.

Tit. 2. 11, 12, Let *the Grace of God which hath appear'd* to
13, 14. us, and to *all Men, bringing Salvation*, effectually *teach us to deny all Ungodlineſs and worldly fleſhly Luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godly in this preſent World, looking for the bleſſed Hope, and the glorious Appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who gave himſelf for us, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity, and purify unto himſelf a peculiar People zealous of good Works.*

(1.) That

(1.) That we may be prudent and diſcreet in our Duty.

Thou haſt ſaid, *if any Man lack Wiſdom, he muſt ask it of God*, who *gives to all Men liberally, and upbraideth not*, and *it ſhall be given him*. Lord, we want Wiſdom, *make us wiſe as Serpents, and harmleſs as Doves*, that *Wiſdom may make our Face to ſhine*, and may be *better* to us *than Weapons of War*. Jam. 1. 5. Mat. 10. 16. Eccl. 8. 1. 9. 18.

Enable us to *walk in Wiſdom towards them that are without, redeeming the Time*. Col. 4. 5.

Give us to *order* all *our Affairs with Diſcretion*; and to *behave our ſelves wiſely in a perfect Way, with a perfect Heart*. Pſal. 112. 5. Pſal. 101. 2.

(2.) That we may be honeſt and ſincere in our Duty.

Let our *Wiſdom* be not that from beneath, which is *earthly, ſenſual, deviliſh*, but *Wiſdom from above, which is firſt pure, then peaceable, gentle, and eaſy to be intreated, full of Mercy and good Fruits, without Partiality, and without Hypocriſy*. Jam. 2. 15, 17.

O that we may always *have our Converſation in the World in Simplicity and godly Sincerity, not with fleſhly Wiſdom, but by the Grace of God*. 2 Cor. 1. 12.

Lord, *uphold us in our Integrity, and ſet us before thy Face for ever*, and *let Integrity and Uprightneſs preſerve us, for we wait on thee*. Pſal. 41. 12. 25. 21.

Let our Hearts be ſound in thy Statutes, that we be not aſhamed; and let *our Eye* be *ſingle, that our whole Body may be full of Light*. Pſal. 119. 80. Mat. 6. 22.

(3.) That we may be active and diligent in our Duty.

Lord, quicken us to *work the Works of him that ſent us while it is Day, becauſe the Night comes wherein no Man can work*; and *what* John 9. 4.

Eccl. 9. 10. Good *our Hand finds to do*, to *do it with all our might, becauſe there is no Work or Knowledge in the Grave, whither we are going.*

Rom. 12. 11. Lord, grant that we may never be *ſlothful in* any good *Buſineſs*, but *fervent in Spirit,*
1 Cor. 15. 58. *ſerving the Lord; ſtedfaſt and unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, foraſmuch as we know that our Labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Gal. 4. 18. Lord, make us *zealouſly affected in every good Work*; and what we do enable us to *do*
Col. 3. 23. *it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto Men.*

Ezr. 3. 4. Lord, enable us to *do the Work* of every *Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires, redeeming the Time, becauſe the Days*
Eph. 5. 16. *are evil*; that when *our Lord comes* he may
Luke 12. 43. *find us doing.*

(4.) That we may be reſolute and couragious in our Duty, as thoſe that know that tho' we may be Loſers for Chriſt, we ſhall not be Loſers by him in the End.

2 Tim. 2. 3. Lord, teach us to *endure Hardneſs as good Soldiers of Jeſus Chriſt*; that we may not *fear*
Iſa. 57. 7. *the Reproach of Men, or their Revilings*, nor be
Mar. 8. 38. *aſham'd of Chriſt or of his Words, knowing*
2 Tim. 1. 12. *whom we have believed*, even one *who is able to keep what we have committed to him againſt that Day.*

Acts 20. 23, 24. Though *Bonds and Afflictions ſhould abide us*, Lord, grant that *none of theſe things may move us*, and that we may not *count Life itſelf dear to us, ſo we may finiſh our Courſe with Joy.*

2 Cor. 6. 4, 7, 8. Enable us *in all things to approve our ſelves to God*, and then to paſs *by Honour and Diſhonour, by evil Report and good Report*, clad *with the Armour of Righteouſneſs on the Right Hand and on the Left*, as thoſe that account it a *very*

ſmall

ſmall thing to be judged of Man's Judgment, for *he that judgeth us is the Lord.* 1 Cor. 4. 3, 4.

(5.) That we may be pleaſant and chearful in our Duty.

Lord, enable us to *rejoice evermore*; to *rejoice in the Lord always*, becauſe *he hath again ſaid unto us*, *Rejoice*; that we may *go on our Way rejoicing*, may *eat our Bread with Joy and drink our Wine with a merry Heart*, as we ſhall have reaſon to do if *God now accepteth our Works.* 1 Theſſ. 5. 16. Phil. 4. 4. Acts 8. 39. Eccl. 9. 7.

Give us Grace to *ſerve thee the Lord our God with Joyfulneſs and Gladneſs of Heart in the abundance of all things*; and *to ſing in the Ways of the Lord, becauſe great is the Glory of our God.* Deut. 28. 47. Pſal. 138. 5.

Let us have that *Chearfulneſs* of Heart which *doth good like a Medicine*, and deliver us from that *Heavineſs* which *maketh the Heart ſtoop*, and that *Sorrow of the World which worketh Death.* Prov. 17. 22. 12. 25. 2 Cor. 7. 10.

(6.) That we may do the Duty of every Condition of Life, every Event of Providence, and every Relation wherein we ſtand.

Lord, enable us *in a Day of Proſperity to be joyful*, and in *a Day of Adverſity* to *conſider*, becauſe *God hath ſet the one over-againſt the other*; to *add to our Knowledge Temperance, and to Temperance Patience.* Eccl. 7. 14. 2 Pet. 1. 6.

Give us Grace to *abide with thee in the Calling wherein we are called*; and in *all our Ways* to *acknowledge thee*, and be thou pleas'd to *direct our Steps.* 1 Cor. 7. 24. Prov. 3. 6.

Let thoſe that are *called, being Servants, be the Lord's Freemen*, and *thoſe that are called, being free, be Chriſt's Servants.* 1 Cor. 7. 21.

Pſal. 133. 1, 3. Let all in every Relation *dwell together in Unity*, that it may be *as the Dew of* Hermon, *and as the Dew that deſcended upon the Mountains of* Zion. O that we may *dwell together*
1 Pet. 3. 7. *as Joint-heirs of the Grace of Life, that our Prayers may not be hinder'd.*

1 Pet. 2. 17. Give us Grace to *honour all Men*, to *love the Brotherhood*, to *fear God*, and to be *ſubject*
Rom. 13. 1, 5. *to the higher Powers, not only for Wrath, but alſo for Conſcience ſake.*

(7.) That we may be univerſally conſcientious.

Col. 4. 12. O that we may *ſtand perfect and compleat in all the Will of God.*

Pſal. 119. 5, 6. *O that our Ways were directed to keep thy Commandments!* And *then ſhall we not be aſhamed, when we have a reſpect to them all.*

Pſal. 119. 33, 34, 35, 36. *Teach us, O Lord, the Way of thy Statutes, and we ſhall keep it unto the end: Give us Underſtanding, and we ſhall keep thy Law, yea we ſhall obſerve it with our whole Heart: Make us to go in the Path of thy Commandments, for therein do we delight. Incline our Hearts unto thy Teſtimonies, and not to Covetouſneſs.*

Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18, 19. *Grant us*, we pray thee, *according to the Riches of thy Glory, that we may be ſtrengthen'd with all might by thy Spirit in the inner Man: That Chriſt may dwell in our Hearts by Faith, and that we being rooted and grounded in Love, may be able to comprehend with all Saints what is the Breadth, and Length, and Depth and Height, and may know the Love of Chriſt which paſſeth Knowledge, and be filled with a Divine Fulneſs*, and may *partake of a Divine Nature.*

2 Pet. 1. 4. And *let the Love of Chriſt conſtrain us to live*
2 Cor. 5. 14, 15. *not to our ſelves, but to him that died for us, and roſe again.*

8. We

8. We muſt pray for Grace to make us wiſer and better every Day than other.

Lord, give us to *increaſe with the Increaſe of God*; to *grow in Grace* and *in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt*; to *hold on our way*, and having *clean Hands* to *grow ſtronger and ſtronger.* Col. 2. 19. 2 Pet. 3. 18. Job 17. 9.

Let *our Path be as the ſhining Light, which ſhines more and more to the perfect Day.* Prov. 4. 18.

We have *not yet attained*, nor are we *already perfect*; Lord, grant that therefore *forgetting the things that are behind, we may reach forth to thoſe things that are before, for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Chriſt Jeſus.* Phil. 3. 12, 13, 14.

Be thou *as the Dew unto us, that we may grow as the Lilly, and caſt forth our Roots as* Lebanon; that our *Branches* may *ſpread*, and *our Beauty be as the Olive-tree.* And let *the Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſe upon us with Healing under his Wings*, that we may *go forth and grow up as Calves of the Stall.* Hoſ. 14. 5, 6. Mal. 4. 2.

9. We muſt pray for effectual Support and Comfort under all the Croſſes and Afflictions that we meet with in this World.

We know that we are *born to Trouble as the Sparks fly upward*; but *in ſix Troubles* be thou pleaſed to *deliver us, and in ſeven let no Evil touch us.* Job 5. 7, 19.

Let the *Eternal God* be *our Refuge*, and *underneath be the everlaſting Arms*; that *the Spirit thou haſt made may not fail before thee, nor the Soul that thou haſt redeemed.* Deut. 33. 27. Iſa. 57. 16.

Let us be *ſtrengthen'd with all might according to thy glorious Power, unto all Patience and Long-ſuffering with Joyfulneſs.* Col. 1. 11.

Let *thy Statutes* be *our Songs in the Houſe of our Pilgrimage*; and let *thy Teſtimonies, which* Pſal. 119. 54, 111.

we have taken as an Heritage for ever, be always *the rejoicing of our Hearts.*

2 Cor. 4. 8. When we are *troubled on every ſide*, *yet* let us *not* be *diſtreſſed*, and when we are *perplexed*,

6. 10. yet let us *not* be in *deſpair*; but *as ſorrowful, and yet always rejoicing, as having nothing, and yet poſſeſſing all things.*

10. We muſt pray for Grace to preſerve us to the End, and to fit us for whatever lies before us betwixt this and the Grave.

2 Tim. 4. 18. Lord, *deliver us from every evil Work*, and *preſerve us to thy heavenly Kingdom*, being kept from falling, that *we may be preſented faultleſs at the Coming of thy Glory with exceeding Joy.*

Jude 24.

1 Theſſ. 3. 12, 13. Lord, *make us to increaſe and abound in Love one towards another, and towards all Men, that our Hearts may be eſtabliſhed unblameable in Holineſs, before God even our Father, at the Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt with all his Saints.*

Luke 22. 31, 32. If *Satan deſire to have us that he may ſift us as Wheat*, yet let Chriſt's Interceſſion prevail for us, *that our Faith fail not.*

John 17. 15, 17. Till we are *taken out of the World*, let us be *kept from the Evil*, and *ſanctified through thy Truth; thy Word is Truth.*

Jude 20, 21. *Build us up*, we pray thee, *in our moſt holy Faith*, and *keep us in the Love of God, looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt unto eternal Life.*

Pſal. 116. 2. Grant that we may continue to *call upon*

Job 27. 5, 6. *thee as long as we live*, and *till we die may never remove our Integrity from us; and that our Righteouſneſs we may hold faſt, and never let it go, and our Hearts may not reproach us ſo long as we live.*

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11. We muſt pray for Grace to prepare us for Death, and to carry us well through our dying Moments.

Lord, make us to know our End, and the Meaſure of our Days, what it is, that we may know and conſider *how frail we are; and that our Days are as a Hand's-breadth, and that every Man at his beſt State is altogether Vanity,* and *our Days upon Earth are as a Shadow, and there is no abiding.* Pſal. 39. 4, 5. 1 Cor. 29. 15.

Lord, *teach us ſo to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts unto Wiſdom,* and make us to *conſider our latter End.* Pſal. 90. 12. Deut. 32. 29.

Lord, make us always *ready with our Loins girded about, and our Lights burning, becauſe the Son of Man comes at an Hour that we think not.* Luke 12. 35, 40.

Keep us *all the Days of our appointed Time, waiting till our Change comes;* and *then ſhalt thou call, and we will anſwer.* Job 14. 14, 15.

Bring us to our Grave as a Shock of Corn in its Seaſon; ſatisfy us with Life, whether it be longer or ſhorter, and *ſhew us thy Salvation.* Job 5. 26. Pſal. 91. ult.

And when we *walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, be thou with us, that we may fear no Evil, let thy Rod and thy Staff comfort us.* Pſal. 23. 4.

Let Goodneſs and Mercy follow us all the Days of our Life, and *let us dwell in the Houſe of the Lord for ever. Mercy and Truth be with us.* Pſal. 23. 6. 2 Sam. 15. 20.

Redeem our Souls from the Power of the Grave, and receive us; Guide us by thy Counſel, and afterwards receive us to Glory. Pſal. 49. 15. 73. 24.

12. We muſt pray for Grace to fit us for Heaven, and that we may at length be put in full Poſſeſſion of Eternal Life.

Lord,

Col. 1. 12. Lord, *make us meet to partake of the Inheritance of the Saints in Light*; *let God himſelf work*
2 Cor. 5. 5. *us to the ſelf-ſame thing, and give us the Earneſt of the Spirit in our Hearts.*

Phil. 3. 20, 21. O that we may now *have our Converſation in Heaven*, that we may *from thence* with Comfort *look for the Saviour the Lord Jeſus, who ſhall change our vile Bodies, that they may be faſhion'd like unto his glorious Body.*

Col. 3. 2, 3, 4. O that now we may *ſet our Affections on things above*, and *that our Life may be hid with Chriſt in God, that when Chriſt who is our Life, ſhall appear, we alſo may appear with him in*
1 John 3. 2. *Glory!* that when *he ſhall appear, we may be like him, and may ſee him as he is*, may *behold*
Pſal. 17. 15. *his Face in Righteouſneſs, and when we awake, may be ſatisfied with his Likeneſs.*

Luke 16. 9. *When we fail*, let us be *received into everlaſting Habitations*, in *the City that hath Foun-*
1 Theſſ. 4. *dation, whoſe Builder and Maker is God*, that
17, 18. we may be *together for ever with the Lord*, to
1 Cor. 13. 12. *ſee as we are ſeen, and know as we are known.*

And in the mean time help us to *comfort our ſelves and one another with theſe Words*;
1 John 3. 3. and *having this Hope in us, to purify our ſelves even as Chriſt is pure.*

2 Theſſ. 2. 16, 17. *Now our Lord Jeſus Chriſt himſelf, and God, even our Father, who hath loved us, and hath given us everlaſting Conſolation and good Hope through Grace, comfort our Hearts, and ſtabliſh us in every good Word and Work.*

5. We muſt pray for the good things of this Life, with an humble Submiſſion to the Will of God.

1 Tim. 4. 8. Lord, thou haſt told us, that *Godlineſs hath the Promiſe of the Life that now is*, as well as of *that which is to come*; And that if we *ſeek*

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firſt the Kingdom of God and the Righteouſneſs thereof, other things ſhall be added to us; and therefore we *caſt all our Care* about theſe things *upon thee, who careſt for us*, for our *heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of all theſe things.* Mat. 6. 33. 1 Pet. 5. 7. Mat. 6. 32.

1. We muſt pray to be preſerved from the Calamities to which we are expoſed.

Thou, Lord, art *our Refuge and our Forteſs, and under thy Wings will we truſt*; *thy Truth ſhall be our Shield and Buckler:* Let us therefore *not be afraid for the Terror by Night, nor for the Arrow that flieth by Day: Having made the Lord our Refuge, and the Moſt High our Habitation*, let *no Evil befal us, nor any Plague come nigh our Dwelling.* Pſal. 91, 2, 4, 9, 10.

Let *the Lord be our Keeper*, even he that *keepeth* Iſrael, *and neither ſlumbers nor ſleeps.* Let the *Lord be our Shade on our Right Hand, that the Sun may not ſmite us by Day, nor the Moon by Night:* Let *the Lord preſerve us from all Evil, the Lord preſerve our Souls: The Lord preſerve our going out and coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.* Pſal. 121. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Lord, *make a Hedge about us, about our Houſes, and about all that we have round about*; and *take Sickneſs from the midſt of us.* Job 1. 10. Exod. 23. 25.

2. We muſt pray to be ſupplied with the Comforts and Supports we daily ſtand in need of.

O that *the Beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us, proſper thou the Work of our Hands upon us*; *yea the Work of our Hands eſtabliſh thou it: Save now, we beſeech thee, O Lord*; *O Lord, we beſeech thee, ſend now Proſperity.* Pſal. 90. 17. Pſal. 118. 25.

Let *our Sons* be *as Plants grown up in their Youth, and our Daughters as Corner-ſtones poliſh'd* Pſal. 144. 12, 13.

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after the Similitude of a Palace: Let our Garners be full, affording all manner of Store; and *let there be no breaking in or going out, or complaining in our Streets: Happy is the People that is in ſuch a caſe, yea, rather happy is the People whoſe God is the Lord.*

Deut. 28. 3, 5, 6. Let us be *bleſſed in the City*, and *bleſſed in the Field*; let *our Basket and our Store be bleſſed*; let us be *bleſſed when we come in*, and *when we go out.*

Let thy good Providence ſo order all Events, concerning us, as that they may be Rom. 8. 28. *made to work for good to us*, as thou haſt promiſed they ſhall *to all that love thee, and are called according to thy Purpoſe.*

Pſal. 37. 3, 6. Give us to *truſt in the Lord and do good*, and then we ſhall *dwell in the Land*, and *verily we ſhall be fed*; and be thou pleas'd to *bring forth our Righteouſneſs as the Light, and our Judgment as the Noon-day.*

Job 5, 21, 23, 24. Let us be *hid from the Scourge of the Tongue, and not be afraid of Deſtruction when it cometh*; let us *be in league with the Stones of the Field, and* let the *Beaſts of the Field be at peace with us*; let us *know that our Tabernacle is in peace, and* let us *viſit our Habitation, and not ſin.*

Gen. 28. 20, 21. And *if God will be with us*, and will *keep us in the Way that we go*, during our Pilgrimage in this World, and will *give us Bread to eat, and Raiment to put on, ſo that we may come to our* Heavenly *Father's Houſe in Peace, then the Lord ſhall be our God.*

6. We muſt plead the Promiſes of God for the enforcing of all our Petitions, put theſe Promiſes in ſuit, and refer our ſelves to them.

Lord,

Lord, *thou haſt given us many exceeding great and precious Promiſes*, which are *all Yea and Amen in Chriſt*. Now *be it unto thy Servants according to the Word which thou haſt ſpoken.* 2 Pet. 1. 4. 2 Cor. 1. 20. Luke 1. 38.

Give us to *draw Water with Joy out of thoſe Wells of Salvation*, to *ſuck and be ſatisfied from thoſe Breaſts of Conſolation*: And *now, O Lord God, let the Word which thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy Servants be eſtabliſhed for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid.* Iſa. 12. 3. 66. 11. 2 Sam. 7. 25.

Deal with us according to the Tenor of the *everlaſting Covenant, which is* well *order'd in all things, and ſure, and which is all our Salvation, and all our Deſire.* 2 Sam. 23. 5.

Look upon us, and be merciful unto us, as thou uſeſt to do unto thoſe that love thy Name; and *do more for us than we are able to ask or think*; and *ſupply all our Needs according to thy Riches in Glory by Chriſt Jeſus.* Pſ. 119. 132. Eph. 3. 20. Phil. 4. 19.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Fourth Part of Prayer, which is Thankſgivings for the Mercies we have received from God, and the many Favours of his we are intereſted in, and have and hope for Benefit by.

OUR Errand at the Throne of Grace is not only to ſeek the Favour of God, but to give unto him the Glory due unto his Name, and that not only by an awful Adoration of his infinite Perfections,

ctions, but by a grateful Acknowledgment of his Goodneſs to us, which cannot indeed add any thing to his Glory, but he is pleaſed to accept of it, and to reckon himſelf glorified by it, if it come from a Heart that's humbly ſenſible of its own Unworthineſs to receive any Favour from God, that values the Gifts, and loves the Giver of them.

1. We muſt ſtir up our ſelves to praiſe God, with the Conſideration both of the Reaſon and of the Encouragement we have to praiſe him.

Pſal. 75. 1. *Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy Name is near, thy wondrous Works declare.*

Pſ. 103. 1, 2. *Let our Souls bleſs the Lord, and let all that is within us bleſs his holy Name*; yea, *let our Souls bleſs the Lord, and not forget any of his Benefits.*

Pſal. 147. 1. We will *praiſe the Lord, for it is good; it is pleaſant*, and *Praiſe is comely for the Upright*;

Pſal. 92. 1, 2. yea, *it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord*, and *to ſing Praiſes unto thy Name, O Moſt High, to ſhew forth thy Loving-kindneſs in the Morning, and thy Faithfulneſs every Night.*

Pſal. 145. 1, 2, 7. *We will extol thee our God, O King, and will bleſs thy Name for ever and ever: Every Day will we bleſs thee, and will praiſe thy Name for ever and ever; we will abundantly utter the Memory of thy great Goodneſs, and ſing of thy Righteouſneſs.*

Pſal. 149. 1, 2, 5, 6. We will *ſing unto the Lord a new Song, and his Praiſe in the Congregation of Saints: O let* Iſrael *rejoice in him that made him; let the Children of* Zion *be joyful in their King; let the Saints be joyful in Glory*, and *let the high Praiſes of God be in their Hearts*, and in their *Mouths.*

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While we live, we will bleſs the Lord; and will ſing Praiſe unto our God, while we have any Being; and when we have no Being on Earth, we hope to have a Being in Heaven, to be doing it better. Pſal. 146. 2.

We are here through Jeſus Chriſt to *offer the Sacrifice of Praiſe to thee*, which we deſire to do *continually, that is, the Fruit of our Lips, giving Thanks to thy Name.* And thou haſt ſaid, that *he that offers Praiſe, glorifies thee*; and that *this alſo ſhall pleaſe the Lord better than an Ox or Bullock that hath Horns and Hoofs.* Heb. 13. 15. Pſal. 50. ult. 69. 31.

We will mention the Loving-kindneſſes of the Lord, and the Praiſes of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath beſtowed on us, and the great Goodneſs towards the Houſe of Iſrael, *which he hath beſtowed on them, according to his Mercies, and according to the Multitude of his Loving-kindneſſes.* Iſa. 63. 7.

1. We muſt be particular in our Thankſgivings to God, (1.) For the Diſcoveries which he hath made to us in his Word of the Goodneſs of his Nature.

We *give thanks unto the God of Gods, unto the Lord of Lords; for his Mercy endures for ever.* Pſal. 136. 2, 3. Exod. 33. 19.

Thy Goodneſs is thy Glory; and 'tis for that which *all thy Works do praiſe thee, and thy Saints do bleſs thee.* Pſal. 145. 10.

Thou art *gracious, and full of Compaſſion, ſlow to Anger, and of great Mercy*; and haſt told us, that thou *doſt not afflict willingly, or grieve the Children of Men*, but *tho' thou cauſe Grief, yet thou wilt have Compaſſion according to the Multitude of thy Mercies.* Pſal. 145. 8. Lam. 3. 32, 33.

Thou *takeſt pleaſure in them that fear thee, in them that hope in thy Mercy.* Pſal. 147. 11.

(2.) For

(2.) For the many Inſtances of his Goodneſs.

1. The Goodneſs of his Providence relating to our Bodies, and the Life that now is: And this,

1. With reference to all the Creatures, and the World of Mankind in general.

Pſal. 104. 2. Thou haſt *ſtretched out the Heavens like a Curtain*, and *in them haſt thou ſet a Tabernacle*
19. 4, 5. *for the Sun, which is as a Bridegroom coming out of his Chamber, and rejoiceth as a ſtrong Man to*
Mat. 5. 45. *run a Race.* And thou *cauſeſt thy Sun to ſhine on the Evil, and on the Good; and ſendeſt Rain on the Juſt, and on the Unjuſt.*

Pſal. 8. 3, 4. *When we conſider the Heavens the Work of thy Fingers*, the Sun, *the Moon, and the Stars, which thou haſt ordain'd, Lord, what is Man, that*
Eccl. 11. 7. *thou thus viſiteſt him?* For, *truly, the Light is ſweet, and a pleaſant thing it is for the Eyes to be-*
Jam. 1. 17. *hold the Sun:* All the Glory be *to the Father of Lights*, who *commandeth the Morning, and*
Job 38. 12. *cauſeth the Day-ſpring to know his Place.*

Acts 14. 17. Thou *didſt not leave thy ſelf without witneſs* among the Heathen, *in that thou didſt good, and gaveſt them Rain from Heaven, and fruitful Seaſons, filling their Hearts with Food and Gladneſs.*

Pſal. 147. 8, 9. Thou *covereſt the Heavens with Clouds, and prepareſt Rain for the Earth, and makeſt Graſs to grow upon the Mountains:* Thou *giveſt to the Beaſt his Food, and to the young Ravens which cry.*

Job 38. 26, 27. Thou *cauſeſt it to rain on the Wilderneſs where there is no Man, to ſatisfy the deſolate and waſte Ground.*

Pſal. 65. 9, 10, 11. *Thou viſiteſt the Earth, and watereſt it; thou greatly enricheſt it with the River of God, which*

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is full of Water; thou prepareſt them Corn when thou haſt ſo provided for it: Thou watereſt the Ridges thereof abundanily, thou ſettleſt the Furrows thereof, thou makeſt it ſoft with Showers, thou bleſſeſt the Springing thereof; Thou crowneſt the Year with thy Goodneſs, and thy Paths drop Fatneſs.

Thou ſendeſt the Springs into the Vallies, which run among the Hills; and they give Drink to every Beaſt of the Field; and *by them the Fowls of the Heaven have their Habitation, which ſing among the Branches.* Pſal. 104. 10, 11, 12.

Thou haſt *laid the Foundations of the Earth, that it ſhould not be removed for ever, and ſetteſt Bounds to the Waters of the Sea, that they turn not again to cover the Earth*; Thou haſt *ſhut up the Sea with Doors, and broken up for it thy decreed Place, ſaying, Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, here ſhall thy proud Waves be ſtaid.* Pſal. 104. 5, 9; Job 38. 8, 11.

And thou haſt made good what thou haſt ſworn, that *the Waters of* Noah *ſhould no more go over the Earth.* Iſa. 54. 9.

Thy *Covenant of the Day and of the Night is not broken*, but ſtill *thou giveſt the Sun for a Light by Day, and the Ordinances of the Moon and of the Stars for a Light by Night*; and art faithful to that Covenant of Providence, that *while the Earth remains, Seed-time and Harveſt, Cold and Heat, Summer and Winter, Day and Night ſhall not ceaſe.* Jer. 33. 20. 31. 35. Gen. 8. 22.

The Heaven, even the Heavens are thine, but *the Earth thou haſt given to the Children of Men*; and thou haſt *put all things under their Feet, and made them to have Dominion over the Works of thy Hands*; ſo that *the Fear of Man and the Dread of Man is upon every Beaſt of the Earth, and upon the Fowl of the Air, and into his Hand* Pſal. 115. 16. Pſal. 8. 6. Gen. 9. 2.

they are deliver'd, becauſe thou hadſt a Fa-
Prov. 8. 31. vour to him, and *thy Delights were with the Sons of Men.*

Pſal. 104. 14, 15. Thou *cauſeſt the Graſs to grow for the Cattle; and Herb for the Service of Man, that thou may'ſt bring forth Food out of the Earth, Wine that makes glad the Heart of Man*, and *Oil to make his Face to ſhine*, and *Bread which ſtrengthens Man's Heart.*

Acts 17. 25. *Thou giveſt to all Life and Breath, and all*
Pſal. 119. 64. *things, and the Earth, O Lord, is full of thy Mercy.*

Pſal. 104. 27, 28, 30, 31. All the Creatures *wait upon thee, that thou may'ſt give them their Meat in due Seaſon; That thou giveſt them they gather, thou openeſt thy Hand, they are filled with Good*: Thou *ſendeſt forth thy Spirit they are created, thou reneweſt the Face of the Earth.* This thy Glory ſhall *endure for ever*, and thou *rejoiceſt* in theſe *works.*

It is thro' thy Goodneſs, O Lord, that
Eccl. 1. 4. *as one Generation of* Mankind *paſſeth away, another Generation comes*, and that thou haſt
Deut. 29. 20. not *blotted out the Name* of that corrupt and guilty Race *from under Heaven.*

2*dly*, With reference to us in particular.

(1.) We muſt give Thanks that he hath made us reaſonable Creatures, capable of knowing, loving, ſerving and enjoying him, and that he hath not made us as the Beaſts that periſh.

Pſal. 139. 14. We will *praiſe thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made*, and that *our Souls*, our nobler Part, *know right well; for what Man*
1 Cor. 2. 11. *knows the things of a Man, ſave the Spirit of Man which is in him?*

Thou haſt made us of that rank of Beings,
Pſal. 8. 5. which is *little lower than the Angels, and is crown-*

crowned with Glory and Honour; for *there is a Spirit in Man, and the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them Underſtanding.* And *the Spirit of a Man is the Candle of the Lord.* Job 32. 8. Prov. 20. 27.

Our Bodies are capable of being *the Temples of the Holy Ghoſt*, and our Souls of having *the Spirit of God dwell in them*; we therefore *glorify thee with our Bodies, and with our Spirits, which are thine.* 1 Cor. 6. 19, 20. 3. 16.

Thou, Lord, haſt *formed us for thy ſelf*, that we might *ſhew forth thy Praiſe.* Iſa. 43. 21.

(2.) We muſt give Thanks for our Preſervation, that our Lives are prolong'd, and that the Uſe of our Reaſon and Underſtanding, our Limbs and Senſes are continued to us.

It was owing to thy good Providence that *we died not from the Womb*, and *did not give up the Ghoſt when we came out of the Belly, that the Knees prevented us, and the Breaſts that we ſhould ſuck.* Job 3. 11, 12.

Tho' we were *called Tranſgreſſors from the Womb*, yet by thy Power we have been *born from the Belly*, and *carried from the Womb*; and thou *holdeſt our Souls in Life*, and *ſuffereſt not our Foot to be moved.* Iſa. 48. 8. 46. 3. Pſal. 66. 9.

All our Bones ſhall ſay, Lord, who is like unto thee, for *thou keepeſt all our Bones, not one of them is broken.* Pſal. 35. 10. 34. 20.

We *lay us down and ſleep, for thou, Lord, makeſt us to dwell in Safety.* Pſal. 3. 5.

Thou haſt *given thine Angels a Charge concerning us, to keep us in all our Ways, to bear us up in their Hands, leſt we daſh our Foot againſt a Stone.* And *they are all miniſtring Spirits ſent forth to miniſter for the Good of them that ſhall be Heirs of Salvation.* Pſal. 91. 11, 12. Heb. 1. 14.

(3.) For ſignal Recoveries from Danger by Sickneſs, or otherwiſe.

1 Sam. 20. 3. 2 Cor. 1. 9. Iſa. 38. 10, 17. When perhaps there has beeen but *a Step between us and Death*, and we have *received a Sentence of Death within ourſelves*, and have been ready to *ſay in the cutting off of our Days we ſhould go to the Gates of the Grave, and were depriv'd of the Reſidue of our Years, yet thou haſt in love to our Souls deliver'd them from the Pit of Corruption, and caſt all our Sins behind thy Back.*

Pſal. 116. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. When *the Sorrows of Death* have *compaſſed us*, and *the Pains of Hell have got hold upon us, we have called upon the Name of the Lord, and have found* that *gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea, our God is merciful; we have been brought low, and he hath helped us*, and *hath deliver'd our Souls from Death, our Eyes from Tears, and our Feet from falling.* We will therefore *walk before the Lord in the Land of the Living.*

(4.) For the Supports and Comforts of this Life, which have hitherto made the Land of our Pilgrimage eaſy and pleaſant to us.

Pſal. 68. 19. *Bleſſed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his Benefits, even the God of our Salvation.*

Pſal. 23. 2, 5. *Thou makeſt us to lie down in green Paſtures, thou feedeſt us beſide the ſtill Waters: Thou prepareſt a Table for us in the Preſence of our Enemies, thou anointeſt our Head, and our Cup runs over.*

Luke 22. 35. It may be we were *ſent forth without Purſe or Scrip, but lacked we any thing? Nothing, Lord.*

Job 29. 3, 4. The *Candle of God hath ſhined upon our Head*, and *by his Light we have walked through Darkneſs*, and *the Secret of God has been in our Tabernacle.*

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Thou haſt *given us all things richly to enjoy*, and *into our Hands* haſt *brought plentifully*. 1 Tim. 6. 17. Job 12. 6.

Many a time we have *eaten and been filled, and have delighted ourſelves in thy great Goodneſs.* Neh. 9. 25.

When we *remember all the Way which the Lord our God hath led us* for ſo many *Years in this Wilderneſs*, we muſt here *ſet up a Stone and call it* Eben-ezer, for *hitherto the Lord hath helped us.* Deut. 8. 2. 1 Sam. 7. 12.

(5.) For Succeſs in our Callings and Affairs, Comfort in Relations, and comfortable Places of Abode.

It is God that girdeth us with Strength, and maketh our Way perfect; that hath *bleſſed the Work of our Hands*, and it may be ſo as that *tho' our Beginning was ſmall, yet our latter End hath greatly increaſed.* Pſal. 18. 32. Job 1. 10. 8. 7.

Our *Houſes* have been *ſafe from Fear*, and *there hath been no Rod of God upon us*; ſo that *the Voice of Rejoicing and Salvation hath been in our Tabernacle* from Day to Day. Job 21. 9. Pſal. 118. 15.

With *our Staff* it may be *we have paſſed over this* Jordan, *and now we are become two Bands*; and 'tis *God* that *ſetteth the Solitary in Families.* Gen. 32. 10. Pſal. 68. 6.

If we have *lived joyfully* with our Relations, and they have been to us *as the loving Hind and as the pleaſant Roe*, we muſt give thee Thanks for it; for every Creature is that to us, and no more, that thou makeſt it to be. Eccl. 9. 9. Prov. 5. 19.

6. For our Share in the publick Plenty, Peace, and Tranquility.

When we have eaten and are full, we have reaſon to *bleſs thee for the good Land which thou haſt given us: A Land which the Eyes of the Lord our God are always upon, from the Beginning of the Year even to the End of the Year.* Deut. 8. 10. 11. 12.

Pſal. 147. 14. *Thou makeſt Peace in our Borders, and filleſt us with the fineſt of the Wheat: We are deliver'd* Judges 5. 11. *from the Noiſe of Archers at the Place of drawing Water; there therefore will we rehearſe the righteous Acts of the Lord, even his righteous Acts towards the Inhabitants of his Villages.*

We thank thee that the Powers that are Rom. 14. 4. ſet over us are *Miniſters of God to us for Good,* Eſth. 10. 3. that they *ſeek the Welfare of our People, ſpeaking Peace to all their Seed.*

2. The Goodneſs of his Grace relating to our Souls, and the Life that is to come.

Eph. 1. 3. But eſpecially *bleſſed be the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who hath bleſſed us with all ſpiritual Bleſſings in heavenly things in Chriſt.*

1*ſt*. We muſt give God Thanks for his Kindneſs to the Children of Men relating to their better Part and their future State, and his Favours to the Church in general.

(1.) We muſt give Thanks for his gracious Deſign and Contrivance of Man's Redemption and Salvation, when he was loſt and undone by Sin.

Tit. 3. 4, 5. O how wonderfully did *the Kindneſs and Love of God our Saviour towards Man appear, not by* any *Works of Righteouſneſs, which we had done, but according to his Mercy he ſaved us:* Hoſ. 13. 9. We had *deſtroy'd ourſelves,* but *in thee,* and thee only was *our Help.*

Ezek. 16. 5, 6, 8. When we were *caſt out in the open Field,* and *no Eye pitied us, thou ſaweſt us polluted in our own Blood,* and *thou ſaidſt unto us, Live; yea, thou ſaidſt unto us, Live; and the Time was a Time of Love.*

Pſal. 49. 7, 8. When *the Redemption of the Soul was* ſo *precarious,* as that it muſt have *ceaſed for ever,* and

no Man could by any means redeem his Brother, or give to God a Ranſom for him, then thou waſt pleas'd to *find a Ranſom,* that we might be *deliver'd from going down to the Pit.* Job 33. 24.

When *we muſt needs die,* and *were as Water ſpilt upon the Ground, which cannot be gathered up again,* then didſt *thou deviſe Means that the Baniſhed might not be for ever expelled from thee.* 2 Sam. 14. 14.

When thou *ſpareſt not the Angels that ſinned,* but didſt *caſt them down to Hell,* thou ſaid'ſt concerning the Race of Mankind, *Deſtroy it not, for a Bleſſing is in it.* 2 Pet. 2. 4. Iſa. 65. 8.

Herein appears *the Wiſdom of God in a Myſtery, even the hidden Wiſdom which God ordain'd before the World for our Glory.* 1 Cor. 2. 7.

(2.) For the Eternal Purpoſes and Counſels of God concerning Man's Redemption.

We are bound to give Thanks always to thee, O God, *becauſe thou haſt from the Beginning choſen ſome to Salvation through Sanctification of the Spirit:* That *there is a Remnant according to the Election of Grace,* whom *God hath choſen in Chriſt before the Foundation of the World, that they ſhould be holy and without Blame before thee in Love, having predeſtinated them to the Adoption of Children, by Jeſus Chriſt, unto thy ſelf, according to the good Pleaſure of thy Will, to the Praiſe of the Glory of thy Grace.* 2 Theſſ. 2. 13. Rom. 11. 5. Eph. 1. 4, 5, 6.

Thine they were, and thou gaveſt them to Chriſt, and *this is thy Will, that of all that thou haſt given him he ſhould loſe nothing, but ſhould raiſe it up at the laſt Day.* John 17. 6. 6. 39.

(3.) For the appointing of the Redeemer, and God's gracious Condeſcenſion to deal with Men upon new Terms, receding from the Demands of the broken Covenant of Innocency.

Heb. 10. 5, 6, 7. We bleſs thee that when *Sacrifice and Offerings thou would'ſt not, and in it hadſt no Pleaſure*, that then the Eternal Son of God ſaid, *Lo I come to do thy Will, O God*, and *a Body haſt thou prepared me:* And that as *in the Volume of the Book it was written of him*, he did *delight to do thy Will, O God*, yea, *thy Law was within his Heart.*

Pſal. 40. 7, 8.

Pſal. 89. 19, 20, 21, 27. Thou *haſt laid help upon one that is mighty, one choſen out of the People:* Thou haſt *found* David *thy Servant, with thy holy Oil thou haſt anointed him*, even *with the Oil of Gladneſs above his Fellows*, and didſt promiſe that *with him thy Hand ſhould be eſtabliſhed, and thy Arm ſhould ſtrengthen him*, and that thou would'ſt *make him thy Firſt-born, higher than the Kings of the Earth.*

Pſal. 40. 7.

John 5. 22, 26, 27. We bleſs thee that *the Father* now *judgeth no Man, but hath committed all Judgment to the Son*; That *as he has Life in himſelf*, ſo he *hath given to the Son to have Life in himſelf, and hath given him Authority to execute Judgment alſo, becauſe he is the Son of Man:* That *the Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his Hand.* And *that the Counſel of Peace is between them both.*

John 3. 35.

Zech. 6. 13.

Iſa. 42. 1. That he is *thy Servant whom thou doſt uphold, thine Elect in whom thy Soul delighteth: Thy beloved Son in whom thou art well pleaſed:* That *thou haſt given him for a Covenant of the People*, and that through him *we are not under the Law, but under Grace.*

Mat. 17. 5.

Iſa. 49. 8.

Rom. 6. 14.

John 3. 16. That *God ſo loved the World, as to give his only begotten Son, that whoſoever believes in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting Life.*

(4.) For the early and ancient Indications of the gracious Deſign concerning fallen Man. We

We bleſs thee that as ſoon as ever Man had ſinn'd, it was graciouſly promiſed that *the Seed of the Woman ſhould break the Serpent's Head*; and that in the Old Teſtament Sacrifices *Jeſus Chriſt was the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of the World.* Gen. 3. 15. Rev. 13. 8.

And that *by Faith the Elders*, tho' they *received not the Promiſe*, yet *obtain'd a good Report*, for they *obtain'd Witneſs that they were righteous.* Heb. 11. 2, 4, 39.

We bleſs thee for the Promiſe made to *Abraham*, that *in his Seed all the Families of the Earth ſhould be bleſſed*, and to *Jacob* that the Shiloh *ſhould come*, and *to him ſhould the gathering of the People be*: And that the Patriarchs *rejoiced to ſee Chriſt's Day*, and *they ſaw it and were glad.* Gen. 12. 3. 49. 10. John 8. 56.

(5.) For the many glorious Inſtances of God's Favour to the Old Teſtament Church.

We adore that Wiſdom, Peace and Goodneſs with which *thou broughteſt the Vine out of* Egypt, *didſt caſt out the Heathen and plant it; thou preparedſt room before it*, and *didſt cauſe it to take deep root, and it filled the Land.* Pſal. 80. 8, 9.

And *they got not the Land in Poſſeſſion by their own Sword, neither did their own Arm ſave them, but thy Right Hand, and thine Arm, and the Light of thy Countenance, becauſe thou hadſt a Favour to them.* Pſal. 44. 3. 136. 10, &c.

We bleſs thee that *to the Jews were committed the Oracles of God*; that they had *the Adoption, and the Glory, and the Covenants, the giving of the Law, and the Service of God, and the Promiſes*: And that there did *not fail one Word of all thy good Promiſe, which thou promiſedſt by the Hand of* Moſes *thy Servant.* Rom. 3. 2. 9. 4. 1 Kings 8. 56.

Heb. 1. 1. We bleſs thee for all that which thou didſt *at ſundry times and in divers manners ſpeak in time paſt unto the Fathers by the Prophets*, thoſe 2 Pet. 1. 21. *holy Men of God, who ſpake as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt*, and *propheſied of the Grace* 1 Pet. 1. 10, 11, 12. *that ſhould come unto us, teſtifying beforehand the Suffering of Chriſt, and the Glory that ſhould follow*, and that *not to themſelves* only, *but to us they miniſter'd* thoſe great things, *things which the Angels* themſelves *deſire to look into.*

Heb. 11. 40. And eſpecially we bleſs thee that *thou haſt provided ſome better things for us, that they without us ſhould not be made perfect.*

(6.) For the wonderful and myſterious Incarnation of the Son of God, and his Coming into the World.

Gal. 4. 4. We bleſs thee that *when the Fulneſs of time was come, thou didſt ſend forth thy Son made of a Woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the Adoption of Sons.*

John 1. 14. That the Eternal *Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us, and there were thoſe who ſaw his Glory, the Glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.* And *without Controverſy great is the Myſtery of Godlineſs, that God was manifeſted in the Fleſh.*

John 18. 37. We bleſs thee that *to this end he was born, and for this cauſe he came into the World, that he might bear Witneſs of the Truth*, and *we be-* John. 6. 69. *lieve and are ſure, that he is that Chriſt, the Son of the living God*; that it is *he that ſhould* Mat. 11. 3. *come, and we are to look for no other.*

We bleſs thee that the Son of Man is *come* Luke 19. 10. *to ſeek and to ſave that which was loſt*; that he is *come that we might have Life, and that we* John 10. 10. *might have it more abundantly*, and that *for that pur-*

purpoſe the Son of God was manifeſted, that he might deſtroy the Works of the Devil. 1 John 3. 8.

Lord, we receive it as *a faithful Saying, and* well *worthy of all Acceptation, that Chriſt Jeſus came into the World to ſave Sinners,* even *the Chief.* 1 Tim. 1. 15.

We bleſs thee that *foraſmuch as the Children are Partakers of Fleſh and Blood, he alſo himſelf likewiſe took part of the ſame: That he took not on him the Nature of Angels,* but our Nature, and *was in all things made like unto his Brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High-Prieſt, in things pertaining to God, to make Reconciliation for the Sins of the People*; and that *he is not aſhamed to call them Brethren.* Heb. 2. 11, 14, 16, 17.

And that *the firſt begotten was brought into the World* with a Charge given to *all the Angels of God* to *worſhip him.* Heb. 1. 6.

(7.) For God's gracious owning of him, in his Undertaking, and in the carrying of it on.

We bleſs thee that thou *waſt in Chriſt reconciling the World to thy ſelf, not imputing their Treſpaſſes unto them,* and that thou haſt *committed unto us the Word of Reconciliation.* 2 Cor. 5. 19.

That thou haſt thy ſelf *given him for a Witneſs to the People, a Leader and Commander to the People.* That he was *ſanctified and ſeal'd and ſent into the World,* and that *the Father which ſent him* did not *leave him alone,* for he *always did thoſe things that pleas'd him.* Iſa. 55. 4. John 10. 36. 8. 29.

Glory be to God in the Higheſt, for in and through Jeſus Chriſt there is *on Earth Peace,* and *Good-will towards Men.* Luke 2. 14.

In this was manifeſted the Love of God towards us, becauſe that God ſent his Only-begotten Son into the World, that we might live thro' him. 1 John 4. 9.

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John 17. 2. We thank *thee* for *the Power* thou haſt *given him over all Fleſh, that he ſhould give Eternal Life to as many us were given him.*

(8.) For his holy Life, his excellent Doctrine, and the glorious Miracles he wrought to confirm his Doctrine.

We bleſs thee for the Aſſurance we have that *he is a Teacher come from God*, ſince *no*
John 3. 2. *Man could do thoſe Miracles which he did, except God were with him.*

Heb. 1. 2. That thou haſt *in theſe laſt Days ſpoken unto*
John 7. 16. *us by thy Son*, whoſe *Doctrine* was *not his, but*
Mat. 7. ult. *his that ſent him*, and he *ſpake as one having Authority*, and that we are encouraged to
Mat. 11. 29. come and *learn of him, becauſe he is meek and lowly in Heart*, and in learning of him we ſhall *find Reſt to our Souls.*

1 Pet. 2. 21, 22, 23. We bleſs thee that he hath *left us an Example, that we ſhould follow his Steps*, in that *he did no Sin, neither was Guile found in his Mouth, and when he was reviled, he reviled*
John 4. 34. *not again*; and *his Meat and Drink was to do*
Heb. 7. 26. *the Will of his Father*; in that he was *holy, harmleſs, undefiled, ſeparate from Sinners.* O
1 Pet. 4. 1. that we may *be arm'd with the ſame Mind*, and
1 John 4. 17. that *as he was ſo we may be in this World*; and that we may *ſo walk even as he walked.*

John 5. 36. We bleſs thee that *the Works which he did, the ſame bore Witneſs of him that the Father had*
Matt. 11. 5. *ſent him*, that by his Power *the Blind receiv'd their Sight, the Lame walked, the Lepers were cleanſed, the Deaf heard, the Dead were raiſed up, and the Poor had the Goſpel preached to them*;
8. 27. and *even the Winds and the Sea obey'd him*; for
15. 31. which we *glorify the God of* Iſrael. Doubt-
27. 54. leſs *this was the Son of God.*

(9.) For

(9.) For the great Encouragements Chriſt gave to poor Sinners to come to him.

We bleſs thee that Jeſus Chriſt *came to call, not the Righteous, but Sinners* (ſuch as we are) *to Repentance*, and *had Power on Earth to forgive Sin*; that he came to *ſave his People from their Sin*; and is *the Lamb of God that takes away the Sin of the World*, and that *he is* (to his Honour, not to his Reproach) *a Friend to Publicans and Sinners*. Mat. 9. 6, 13. 1. 21. John 1. 29. Mat. 11. 19.

We thank thee for the gracious Invitation he gave to thoſe who *are weary and heavy laden* to *come to him for Reſt:* And for the Aſſurance he hath given that *whoſoever comes unto him he will in no wiſe caſt him out*. Mat. 11. 28. John 6. 37.

That he made a gracious Offer, that *whoſoever thirſts might come unto him and drink*. John 7. 37.

(10.) For the full Satisfaction which he made to the Juſtice of God for the Sin of Man by the Blood of his Croſs, for the Purchaſes, Victories, and Triumphs of the Croſs, and for all the precious Benefits which flow to us from the Dying of our Lord Jeſus.

Herein indeed *God commendeth his Love to us, in that while we were yet Sinners Chriſt died for us, that we might be reconciled to him by the Death of his Son. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and ſent his Son to be the Propitiation for our Sins, and not for ours only, but for the Sins of the whole World*; that he *taſted Death for every Man, that thro' Death he might deſtroy him that had the Power of Death, that is, the Devil*. Rom. 5. 8. 1 John 4. 10. 2. 2. Heb. 2. 9. 14.

We bleſs thee, that *by one Offering he hath perfected for ever them that are ſanctified*, that he hath *finiſhed Tranſgreſſion, made an end of Sin, made* Heb. 10. 14. Dan. 9. 24.

made reconciliation for Iniquity, and hath brought in an everlasting Righteousness.

Gal. 3. 13. That he hath *redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, by being made a Curse for us.*

Rom. 8. 3. That *what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the Flesh, God hath* done, *by sending his own Son in the Likeness of sinful Flesh,* who by a Sacrifice *for Sin condemn'd Sin in the Flesh.*

Isa. 53. 5, 6, 10. That *he was wounded for our Transgressions, and bruised for our Iniquities, and that the Chastisement of our Peace was upon him, and by his Stripes we are healed*; and that *the Lord having laid upon him the Iniquity of us all, it pleased the Lord to bruise him, and put him to Grief.*

Heb. 9. 12, 14, 26. That *appearing to put away Sin by the Sacrifice of himself,* he did *by the Eternal Spirit offer himself without Spot unto God,* and *by his own Blood enter'd in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.*

Col. 2. 14, 15. That he hath *spoil'd Principalities and Powers, and made a Shew of them openly, triumphing over them in his Cross,* and hath *blotted out the Hand-writing of Ordinances which was against us, which was contrary to us, taking it out of the way* by *nailing it to his Cross.*

Eph. 2. 14, 15, 16. That *he is our Peace,* who having *broken down the middle Wall of Partition* between Jew and Gentile, *hath made himself of twain one new Man, hath reconciled both unto God in one Body by the Cross, having slain the Enmity thereby.*

Rev. 1. 5, 6. That he *hath loved us, and washed us from our Sins in his own Blood, and hath made us unto our God Kings and Priests.*

Eph. 3. 19. *O the Height, and Depth, and Length, and Breadth of that Love of Christ which passeth*

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Knowledge; that great Love wherewith he loved us. Eph. 2. 4.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour, and Glory, and Blessing; for he was slain, and hath redeem'd us to God by his Blood. Rev. 5. 9, 12.

(11.) For his Resurrection from the Dead on the Third Day.

We thank thee that as he was *deliver'd for our Offences,* so *he rose again for our Justification,* and *was declar'd to be the Son of God with Power by the Resurrection from the Dead.* Rom. 4. ult. Rom. 1. 4.

That tho' *he was dead,* yet *he is alive, and lives for evermore, and hath the Keys of Hell and Death,* and *being raised from the Dead, he dies no more, Death hath no more Dominion over him.* Rev. 1. 18. Rom. 6. 9.

That *now is Christ risen from the Dead, and is become the First-fruits of them that slept, that as in* Adam *all died, so in Christ all might be made alive,* and *every one in his own Order.* 1 Cor. 15. 20, 22.

That God *suffer'd not his Holy One to see Corruption,* but *loosed the Pains of Death, because it was impossible he should be holden of them,* and so *declar'd to all the House of* Israel, that *that same Jesus whom they crucified,* is *both Lord and Christ.* Acts 2. 21, 31, 36.

And that *for this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord both of the Dead and Living,* and *that whether we wake or sleep, we might live together with him.* Rom. 14. 9. 1 Thess. 5. 10.

(12.) For his Ascension into Heaven, and his sitting at God's Right Hand there.

We bless thee that our Lord Jesus is *ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God;* is *ascended up on high, having led Captivity captive, and hath received Gifts for Men,* John 20. 17. Psal. 68. 18.

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yea, even for the Rebellious alſo, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Heb. 6. 20. That as *the Fore-runner* he is *for us enter'd,*
9. 24. *enter'd into Heaven itſelf, now to appear in the*
Rev. 5. 6. *Preſence of God for us, a Lamb as it had been ſlain ſtanding in the midſt of the Throne.*

Heb. 8. 1. That he is *ſet on the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majeſty in the Heavens, Angels,*
1 Pet. 3. 22. *and Authorities, and Powers being made ſubject to him.*

John 14. 2, 3. That he is *gone before to prepare a Place for us in his Father's Houſe,* where *there are many*
13. 36. *Manſions*; and tho' *whither he is gone we cannot follow him now, yet* we hope to *follow him hereafter,* when he ſhall *come again to receive us to himſelf, that where he is there we may be alſo.*

(13.) For the Interceſſion which he ever lives to make in the virtue of his Satisfaction.

Iſa. 53. 12. We thank thee that having *born the Sins of many, he makes Interceſſion for Tranſgreſſors*; and prays *not for thoſe only* that were given
John 17. 20, 21. him when he was upon Earth, *but for all that ſhall believe on him through their Word*; *That they all may be one.*

1 John 2. 1. That *we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous, who is therefore able to ſave to the uttermoſt all thoſe that come*
Heb. 7. 25. *to God* as a Father *by him* as Mediator, *ſeeing he ever lives making Interceſſion.*

Heb. 5. 1,2,9. That we have *a High Prieſt taken from among Men, and ordained for Men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both Gifts and Sacrifice for Sin, who can have compaſſion on the Ignorant, and on them that are out of the way,* and that *he is become the Author of eternal*

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Salvation to all them that obey him.

(14.) For the Dominion and Sovereignty to which the Redeemer is exalted.

We thank thee that *becauſe* our Lord Jeſus *humbled himſelf, and became obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Croſs, therefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name above every Name, that in the Name of Jeſus every Knee might bow, and every Tongue confeſs* (as we do at this time) *that Jeſus Chriſt is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.* Phil. 2. 8, 9, 10.

That *all Power is given unto him both in Heaven and in Earth*, that thou haſt *ſet him over the Works of thy Hands*, and haſt *put all things in ſubjection under his Feet*, and ſo haſt *crown'd him with Glory and Honour.* Mat. 28. 18. Heb. 2. 7, 8, 9.

That he is *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*; that the Antient of Days hath *given him Dominion and Glory*, and *a Kingdom*, an *everlaſting Dominion*, and *a Kingdom which ſhall not be deſtroy'd.* Rev. 19. 16. Dan. 7. 14.

That *the Government is upon his Shoulders*, and *that his Name is called wonderful, counſellor, the mighty God, the everlaſting Father, and the Prince of Peace*; And *of the Increaſe of his Government and Peace there ſhall be no end.* Iſa. 9. 6, 7.

That thou *haſt ſet him* as *King upon thy holy Hill of* Zion, and that *he ſhall reign over the Houſe of* Jacob *for ever*, ſhall *reign till he has put down all* oppoſing *Rule, Principality and Power, till all his Enemies are made his Footſtool*, and then he ſhall *deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father*, that *God may be all in all.* Pſal. 2. 6. Luke 1. 33. 1 Cor. 15. 24, 25, 28.

(15.) For the Aſſurance we have of his ſecond coming to judge the World.

Acts 17. 31. We bleſs thee that *thou haſt appointed a Day in which thou wilt judge the World in Righteouſneſs, by that Man whom thou haſt ordain'd, whereof thou haſt given Aſſurance unto all Men, in that thou haſt raiſed him from the Dead.*

2 Theſſ. 1. 7, 8, 10. That in that Day *the Lord Jeſus ſhall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming Fire, taking Vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: And ſhall come to be glorified in his Saints, and admir'd in all them that be-*

1 Theſſ. 4. 14. *lieve*; for *them that ſleep in Jeſus he will bring with him.*

Mat. 13. 41, 44. That he ſhall then *ſend forth his Angels to gather out of his Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity*, and to *gather together his Elect from the four Winds*, and then *ſhall the Righteous ſhine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father.*

—24. 31.

2 Pet. 3. 13, 14. And we then, *according to thy Promiſe, look for new Heavens, and a new Earth, wherein dwells Righteouſneſs:* Lord, grant that *ſeeing we look for ſuch things, we may give Diligence to be found of him in Peace without ſpot*

Rev. 22. 20. *and blameleſs:* And then *come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly.*

(16.) For the ſending of the Holy Spirit to ſupply the want of Chriſt's bodily Preſence, to carry on his Undertaking, and to prepare things for his ſecond coming.

We bleſs thee that when our Lord Jeſus

John 14. 16, 17. went away he *ſent us another Comforter to abide with us for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, who*

—16. 14. *ſhall glorify* the Son, for *he ſhall take of his, and ſhall ſhew it unto us.*

Acts 2. 33. That *being by the Right Hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the Promiſe of*

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the Holy Ghoſt, he *pour'd it forth* as *Rivers of living Water.* John 7. 38.

Bleſſed be God for the *Signs and Wonders*, and *divers Miracles*, and *Gifts of the Holy Ghoſt*, with which God *bare witneſs to the great Salvation.* Heb. 2. 4.

And bleſſed be God for the Promiſe, that as earthly *Parents, tho' evil, know how to give good Gifts to their Children, ſo our Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him*; that *Holy Spirit of Promiſe, which is the Earneſt of our Inheritance, until the Redemption of the purchaſed Poſſeſſion.* Luke 11. 13. Eph. 1. 13, 14.

(17.) For the Covenant of Grace made with us in Jeſus Chriſt, and all the exceeding great and precious Privileges of that Covenant, and for the Seals of it.

We thank thee that in Jeſus Chriſt thou *haſt made an everlaſting Covenant with us, even the ſure Mercies of* David; and that *tho' the Mountains may depart, and the Hills be removed, yet this Covenant of thy Peace ſhall never be removed.* Iſa. 55. 3. ——54. 10.

That thou haſt *given unto us exceeding great and precious Promiſes, that by theſe we might be Partakers of a Divine Nature:* and that Jeſus Chriſt is *the Mediator of this better Covenant, which is eſtabliſhed upon better Promiſes.* 2 Pet. 1. 4. Heb. 8. 6.

That tho' thou *chaſten our Tranſgreſſion with the Rod, and our Iniquity with Stripes, yet thy loving-Kindneſs thou wilt not utterly take away, nor cauſe thy Faithfulneſs to fail; thy Covenant thou wilt not break. nor alter the thing that is gone out of thy Lips.* Pſal. 89. 32, 33, 34.

That being *willing more abundantly to ſhew to the Heirs of Promiſe the Immutability of thy Counſel, thou haſt confirmed it by an Oath, That* Heb. 6. 17, 18.

by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong Consolation, who have fled for Refuge to lay hold on the Hope set before us.

Rom. 4. 11. That Baptism is appointed to be *a Seal of the Righteousness which is by Faith*, as Circumcision was: That it assures us of *the Remission of Sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost*; and that this *Promise* is *to us and our Children.* And that *the Cup in the* Lord's Supper is *the Blood of the New Testament, which was shed for many for the Remission of Sins.*

Acts 2. 38, 39.

Mat. 26. 28.

(18.) For the writing of the Scriptures, and the preserving of them pure and entire to our Day.

We thank thee that we have the *Scriptures to search*, and that *in them we have Eternal Life*, and that *they testify of Christ*, and that *all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, and for Instruction in Righteousness.*

John 5. 39.

2 Tim. 3. 16.

Rom. 15. 4. That *whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our Learning, that we through Patience and Comfort of the Scripture might have Hope:* And that we have this *most sure Word of Prophecy* as a *Light shining in a dark Place.*

2 Pet. 1. 19.

Isa. 29. 11. That *the Vision is not become to us as the Words of a Book that is sealed*, but that *we hear in our own Tongue the wonderful Works of God.*

Acts 2. 11.

Luke 10. 21, 24. *We thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that the things which were hid from the Wise and Prudent*, and *which many Prophets and Kings desired to see and might not, are reveal'd unto us Babes*; *Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.*

(19.) For

(19.) For the Inſtitution of Ordinances, and particularly that of the Miniſtry.

We thank thee that *thou haſt* not only *ſhewed thy Word unto* Jacob, but *thy Statutes and Judgments unto* Iſrael, unto us: *Thou haſt not dealt ſo with* other *Nations, and as for thy Judgments, they have not known them.* Pſal. 147. 19, 20.

That *the Tabernacle of God is with Men, and he will dwell with them,* and that he hath *ſet his Sanctuary in the midſt of them for evermore,* and there will *meet with the Children of* Iſrael. Rev. 21. 3. Ezek. 37. 26. Exod. 29. 43.

We thank thee that *thou haſt made known unto us thy holy Sabbaths* ; and that ſtill *there remains the keeping of a Sabbath to the People of God.* Neh. 9. 14. Heb. 4. 9.

And that when the Lord Jeſus *aſcended up on high,* he *gave Gifts unto Men,* not only *Prophets, Apoſtles, Evangeliſts,* but *Paſtors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Miniſtry, for the edifying of the Body of Chriſt, till we all come in the Unity of the Faith, and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect Man, unto the Meaſure of the Stature of the Fulneſs of Chriſt : And that* while they *teach us to obſerve all things which Chriſt hath commanded,* he hath promis'd to *be with them always even unto the End of the World.* Eph. 4. 8, 11, 12, 13. Mat. 28. 20.

(20.) For the planting of the Chriſtian Religion in the World, and the ſetting up of the Goſpel Church, in deſpite of all the Oppoſitions of the Powers of Darkneſs.

We thank thee that *the preaching of Jeſus Chriſt according to the Commandment of the Everlaſting God,* and *the Goſpel which was made known to all Nations for the Obedience of Faith,* was *mighty through God to the pulling down of ſtrong holds.* That *the Lord wrought with it,* Rom. 16. 25, 26. 2 Cor. 10. 4. Mar. 16. 20.

and *confirm'd the Word by Signs following*; so
Luke 10. 18. that *Satan fell as Lightning from Heaven.*
1 Theſſ. 2. 2. That tho' the *Goſpel was preach'd in much*
Acts 19 20. *Contention*, yet *it grew and prevailed mightily,*
1 Theſſ. 1. 9. and Multitudes *turned to God from Idols, to ſerve the living and true God*, and *to wait for his Son from Heaven.*

Rev. 12. 10. Now came *Salvation and Strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the Power of his Chriſt:*
----6. 2. And the exalted Redeemer *rode forth with his Bow, and with his Crown, conquering, and to con-*
Iſa. 66. 8. *quer*; and *Nations* were *born at once.*

(21.) For the Preſervation of Chriſtianity in the World unto this Day.

We bleſs thee that tho' the Enemies of Iſra-
Pſal. 129. 1, 2, 3, 4. el *have afflicted them from their Youth up, have many a time afflicted them, yet they have not prevailed againſt them*; tho' *the Plowers have plowed on their Back, yet the righteous Lord has cut aſunder the Cords of the wicked.*

Mat. 16. 18. That Jeſus Chriſt hath *built his Church upon a Rock*, which *the Gates of Hell* cannot *prevail*
Pſal. 89, 29. *againſt*, but *his Seed ſhall endure for ever, and his Throne as the Days of Heaven.*

(22.) For the Martyrs and Confeſſors, the Lights of the Church, and the good Examples of thoſe that are gone before us to Heaven.

We bleſs thee for all thoſe who have been enabled to *approve themſelves to God in much*
2 Cor. 6. 4. *Patience, in Afflictions, in Neceſſities, in Diſtreſſes*, who when they have been *brought before*
Luke 21. 12, 13, 15. *Governors and Kings for Chriſt's ſake*, it has *turn'd to them for a Teſtimony*, and God has *given them a Mouth and Wiſdom, which all their Adverſaries were not able to gainſay or reſiſt.*

That

That thoſe who for Chriſt's ſake were *killed all the Day long*, and *accounted as Sheep for the Slaughter*, yet in *all theſe things were more than Conquerors thro' him that loved us.* Rom. 8. 36, 37.

That they *overcame the Accuſer of the Brethren by the Blood of the Lamb*, and *by the Word of their Teſtimony*, and by *not loving their Lives unto the Death.* Rev. 12. 11.

We bleſs thee for *the Cloud of Witneſſes* with which we are *compaſſed about*, for the *Footſteps of the Flock*, for *the Elders* that have *obtained a good Report*, and are now *through Faith and Patience inheriting the Promiſes.* Lord, give us to *follow them as they follow'd Chriſt.* Heb. 12. 1. Cant. 1. 8. Heb. 12. 1. —6. 12. 1 Cor. 11. 1.

(23.) For the Communion of Saints, that ſpiritual Communion which we have in Faith and Hope, and holy Love, and in Prayers and Praiſes with all good Chriſtians.

We bleſs thee that *if we walk in the Light, we have Fellowſhip one with another*, even *with all that in every place call on the Name of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, both theirs and ours.* 1 John 1. 7. 1 Cor. 1. 2.

That *we being many are one Bread and one Body*, and that tho' *there are Diverſities of Gifts* and *Adminiſtrations*, and *Operations*, yet *there is the ſame Spirit, the ſame Lord*, and *the ſame God, which worketh all in all.* 1 Cor. 10. 17. —12. 4, 5, 6.

We thank thee that *all the Children of God, which were ſcattered abroad* are *united* in him who is *the Head of the Body the Church*; ſo that they are all *our Brethren and Companions in Tribulation, and in the Kingdom and Patience of Jeſus Chriſt.* John 11. 52. Col. 1. 18. Rev. 1. 9.

(24.) For the Proſpect and Hope of Eternal Life, when Time and Days ſhall be no more.

Jam. 1. 12. We thank thee for *the Crown of Life which the Lord hath promiſed to them that love* him; the *Inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reſerved in Heaven for us.*

Heb. 13. 14. —11. 10, 16. That *having here no continuing City*, we are encouraged to *ſeek the better Country, that is, the heavenly, the City that hath Foundations, whoſe Builder and Maker is God.*

Tit. 1. 2. 1 John 5. 13. That we are *in hope of Eternal Life, which God that cannot lie hath promiſed*; And that all true Believers through Grace *have Eternal Life abiding in them.*

2*dly*. We muſt give God Thanks for the ſpiritual Mercies beſtow'd upon us in particular, eſpecially if we are call'd with an effectual Call, and have a good Work of Grace begun in us.

(1.) We muſt bleſs God for the Strivings of his Spirit with us, and the Admonitions and Checks of our own Conſciences.

Rom. 1. 28. 1 Tim. 4. 2. Hoſ. 4. 17. Gen. 6. 3. We bleſs thee that thou *haſt not given us over to a reprobate Mind*, that our *Conſciences* are *not ſeared*, that thou haſt not ſaid concerning us, They are *joined to Idols, let them alone*, but that thy *Spirit* is yet *ſtriving with us.*

Rom. 2. 15. We thank thee *for the Work of the Law written in our Hearts, our own Conſciences alſo bearing witneſs, and our own Thoughts between themſelves accuſing or excuſing one another.*

(2.) We muſt bleſs God if there be a ſaving Change wrought in us by his bleſſed Spirit.

Col. 1. 13. 1 Cor. 1. 9. Eph. 2. 13. And hath God by his Grace *tranſlated us out of the Kingdom of Darkneſs into the Kingdom of his dear Son?* Hath he *called us into the Fellowſhip of Jeſus Chriſt, and made us nigh by his Blood, who by Nature were afar of. Not unto*

unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give Glory. Pſal. 115. 1.

We give Thanks to God always for thoſe *to whom thy Goſpel is come, not in Word only, but in Power, and in the Holy Ghoſt, and in much aſſurance.* 1 Theſſ. 1. 2, 5.

Thou haſt *loved us with an Everlaſting Love,* and *therefore with loving-Kindneſs thou haſt drawn us, drawn us with the Cords of a Man,* and *the Bands of Love.* Jer. 31. 3. Hoſ. 11. 4.

When the *ſtrong Man arm'd kept his Palace* in our Hearts, and *his Goods were in Peace,* it was a *ſtronger than he* that *came upon him,* and *took from him all his Armour, wherein he truſted, and divided the Spoil.* Luke 11. 21, 22.

(3.) We muſt give thanks for the Remiſſion of our Sins, and the Peace of our Conſciences.

We bleſs thee for *the Redemption we have through* Chriſt's *Blood, even the Forgiveneſs of Sins, according to the Riches of thy Grace, wherein thou haſt abounded toward us.* Eph. 1. 7.

That thou haſt *forgiven all our Iniquities,* and *healed all our Diſeaſes*; and *haſt in love to our Souls deliver'd them from the Pit of Corruption*; *for thou haſt caſt all our Sins behind thy Back.* Pſal. 103. 3. Iſa. 38. 17.

When thou *broughteſt us into the Wilderneſs,* yet there thou *ſpakeſt comfortably to us,* and *gaveſt us our Vineyards from thence*; and *the Valley of* Achor *for a Door of Hope.* Hoſ. 2. 14, 15.

(4.) For the powerful Influences of the Divine Grace, to ſanctify aad preſerve us, to prevent our falling into Sin, and to ſtrengthen us in doing our Duty.

Thou haſt not *quench'd the ſmoaking Flax, nor broke the bruiſed Reed,* nor *deſpiſed the Day* Mat. 12. 20. Zech. 4. 10.

of

Acts 16. 22. *of ſmall things*, but *having obtained Help of God, we continue hitherto.*

Pſal. 138. 3. *In the Day when we cried thou haſt anſwered us, and haſt ſtrengthened us with Strengh in our Souls.*

Pſal. 73. 2, 3. We have been *continually with thee, thou haſt holden us by thy right Hand, when our Feet were almoſt gone, and our Steps had well nigh ſlipt.*

Pſal. 119. 92, 93. We have reaſon *never to forget thy Precepts; for by them thou haſt quicken'd us*; And *unleſs thy Law had been our Delight, we ſhould* many a time *have periſhed in our Affliction*; for *thy Statutes have been our Songs in the Houſe of our Pilgrimage.*

Pſal. 94. 17, 18, 19. *Unleſs the Lord had been our Help, our Souls had almoſt dwelt in Silence*: But *when we ſaid, our Foot ſlippeth, thy Mercy, O Lord, held us up:* And *in the Multitude of our Thoughts within us, thy Comforts have been the Delight of our Souls.*

(5.) For ſweet Communion with God in Holy Ordinances, and the Communications of his Favour.

—36. 8, 9. We have been *abundantly ſatisfied with the Fatneſs of thy Houſe*, and *thou haſt made us drink of the River of thy Pleaſures. For with thee is the Fountain of Life, in thy Light ſhall we ſee Light.*

Iſa. 56. 7. Thou haſt *brought us to thy Holy Mountain*, and *made us joyful in thy Houſe of Prayer*, and

Iſa. 73. 28. we have found it *good for us to draw near to God.*

—84. 10, 11, 12. We have had reaſon to ſay, That *a Day in thy Courts is better than a thouſand*, and that *it is better to be Door-keepers in the Houſe of our God, than to dwell in the Tents of Wickedneſs*;

For

For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield, he will give Grace and Glory, and no good thing will he with-hold from them that walk uprightly: O Lord of Hoſts, bleſſed is the Man that truſteth in thee.

We have *ſitten down under thy Shadow with Delight, and thy Fruit hath been ſweet unto our Taſte; Thou haſt brought us into the Banqueting Houſe, and thy Banner over us has been Love.* Cant. 2. 3, 4.

(6.) For gracious Anſwers to our Prayers.

We have reaſon to *love thee, O Lord, becauſe thou haſt heard the Voice of our Supplications,* and *becauſe thou haſt inclined thine Ear unto us, we will therefore call upon thee as long as we live.* Pſal. 116. 1, 2.

Out of the Depths have we cried unto thee, O Lord, and *thou haſt heard our Vows,* and *given us the Heritage of thoſe that fear thy Name.* —130. 1. —61. 5.

Nay, *before we have called thou haſt anſwer'd, and while we have been yet ſpeaking thou haſt heard, and haſt ſaid, Here I am,* and haſt been *nigh unto us in all that which we call upon thee for.* Iſa. 65. 25. —58. 9. Deut. 4. 7.

Lord, thou haſt heard the Deſire of the Humble, thou wilt prepare their Heart, and cauſe thine Ear to hear. Pſal. 10. 17.

Bleſſed be God, who hath not turned away our Prayer, or his Mercy from us, for we have pray'd, and have gone away, and our Countenance has been no more ſad. ——66. 20. 1 Sam. 1. 18.

(7.) For Support under our Afflictions, and ſpiritual Benefit and Advantage by them.

Thou haſt *comforted us in all our Tribulation,* haſt *conſider'd our Trouble, and known our Souls in Adverſity,* and *ſhew'd us thy marvellous Kindneſs,* as *in a ſtrong City.* 2 Cor. 1. 4. Pſal. 31. 7, 21.

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2 Cor. 1. 5. When *Afflictions have abounded, Conſolations have much more abounded.*

Heb. 12. 10, 11. Tho' no Affliction *for the preſent hath been joyous, but grievous, nevertheleſs, afterward it hath yielded the peaceable Fruit of Righteouſneſs; and hath* prov'd to be *for our Profit, that we might be Partakers of thy Holineſs.*

Pſal. 119. 67, 71. We have had reaſon to ſay, that *it was good for us we were afflicted, that we might learn thy Commandments*; for *before we were afflicted we went aſtray, but* afterwards *have kept thy Word.*

1 Pet. 1. 6, 7, 8, 9. It has been but *for a Seaſon*, and when there *was need*, that we *were in Heavineſs, through manifold Temptations:* And we beg that all the *Trials of our Faith may be found unto Praiſe, and Honour, and Glory, at the appearing of Jeſus Chriſt, whom having not ſeen we love, in whom, tho' now we ſee him not, yet believing we rejoice with joy unſpeakable and full of Glory*; are longing to *receive the End of our Faith, even the Salvation of our Souls.*

(8.) For the Performance of God's Promiſes.

Pſal. 119. 65. *Thou haſt dealt well with thy Servants, O Lord, according to thy Word*, and thou haſt

—105. 8. been *ever mindful of thy Covenant, the Word which thou haſt commanded to a thouſand Generations.*

1 Kings 8. 56, 66. *There hath not failed one Word of all the good Promiſe which thou haſt promiſed*, to *David thy Servant, and* Iſrael *thy People.*

Pſal. 116. 7, 12, 13. And now *what ſhall we render unto the Lord for all his Benefits toward us?* Let our *Souls return to him*, and repoſe in him *as their Reſt, becauſe he hath dealt bountifully with us*, we will *take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord*; *For the Lord is good, his*

Mercy

Mercy is Everlaſting, and his Truth endureth to all Generations. Pſal. 100. 5.

We will bleſs the Lord at all times, yea his Praiſe ſhall continually be in our Mouths; we will *ſing unto the Lord as long as we live*; and we hope to be ſhortly with thoſe *Bleſſed* ones, who *dwell in his Houſe* above, *and are ſtill praiſing him*, and who *reſt not Day or Night from ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.* —34. 1. —104. 33.

CHAP. V.

Of the fifth Part of Prayer, which is Interceſſion, or Addreſs and Supplication to God for others.

OUR Lord Jeſus hath taught us to pray, not only with, but for others: And the Apoſtle hath appointed us to make Supplication for all Saints; and many of his Prayers in his Epiſtles are for his Friends: And we muſt not think that when we are in this part of Prayer, we may let fall our Fervency, and be more indifferent, becauſe we our ſelves are not immediately concern'd in it, but rather let a holy Fire of Love both to God and Man here, make our Devotions yet more warm and lively. Eph. 6. 18.

1. We muſt pray for the whole World of Mankind, the loſt World; and thus we muſt honour all Men, and according to our Capacity do good to all Men. 1 Pet. 2. 17. Gal. 6. 10.

We pray, as we are taught, *for all Men*, believing that *this is good and acceptable in the* 1 Tim. 2. 3, 4, 6.

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ſight of God our Saviour, who will have all Men to be ſaved, and to come unto the Knowledge of the Truth, and of Jeſus Chriſt, *who gave himſelf a Ranſom for all.*

1 John 5. 19. John 12. 31. 2 Cor. 4. 4. O look with Compaſſion upon *the World that lies in Wickedneſs,* and let *the Prince of this World be caſt out,* that has *blinded their Minds.*

Pſal. 67. 2, 3, 4. Eph. 2. 12. O *let thy ways be known upon Earth,* that barbarous Nations may be civiliz'd, and thoſe that live *without God in the World* may be brought to the Service of the living God; and thus let *thy ſaving Health* be known *unto all Nations: Let the People praiſe thee, O God, yea, let all the People praiſe thee: O let the Nations be glad and ſing for Joy, for thou ſhalt judge the People righteouſly, and govern the Nations upon Earth.*

Pſal. 98. 2, 3. O let *thy Salvation and thy Righteouſneſs be openly ſhewed in the ſight of the Heathen,* and *let all the Ends of the Earth ſee the Salvation of our God.*

—2. 8. O *give* thy Son *the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the uttermoſt Parts of the Earth for his Poſſeſſion:* For thou haſt ſaid, *It is a light thing for him to raiſe up the Tribes of* Jacob, and *to reſtore the Preſerved of* Iſrael, *but thou wilt give him for a Light to the Gentiles.*

Iſa. 49. 6.

Rev. 11. 15. Let all the *Kingdoms of this World become the Kingdoms of the Lord and of his Chriſt.*

2. For the propagating of the Goſpel in foreign Parts, and the Enlargement of the Church by the bringing in of many to it.

Mar. 16. 16. Rom. 10. 14, 15. O let the *Goſpel* be *preached unto every Creature*; for *how ſhall Men believe in him, of whom they have not heard?* and *how ſhall they hear without Preachers?* and *how ſhall they preach,*

except

except they be ſent? and who ſhall *ſend forth* Mat. 9. 38.
Labourers, but *the Lord of the Harveſt?*

Let the *People which ſit in Darkneſs ſee a great* —4. 16.
Light, and *to them which ſit in the Region and Shadow of Death let Light ſpring up.*

Add unto thy Church daily ſuch as ſhall be ſa- Acts 2. *ult.*
ved; *Enlarge the Place of its Tent, lengthen its Cords, and ſtrengthen its Stakes.* Iſa. 54. 2.

Bring thy Seed from the Eaſt, and gather them —43. 5, 6.
from the Weſt; *ſay to the North, Give up*; *and to the South, Keep not back: Bring thy Sons from far, and thy Daughters from the Ends of the Earth. Let them come with Acceptance to thine* —60. 7, 8.
Altar, and glorify the Houſe of thy Glory; *Let them fly as a Cloud, and as the Doves to their Windows.*

In every Place let Incenſe be offer'd to thy Mal. 1. 11.
Name, and pure Offerings; And *from the riſing of the Sun to the going down of the ſame, let thy Name be great among the Gentiles*; and *let the offering up of the Gentiles be acceptable, being* Rom. 15. 16.
ſanctified by the Holy Ghoſt.

O let the *Earth be full of the Knowledge of* Iſa. 11. 7.
the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea.

3. For the Converſion of the Jews.

Let the *Branches* which are *broken off not a-* Rom. 11. 23,
bide ſtill in Unbelief, but be *grafted in again in-* 24, 25, 26.
to their own Olive-tree. And *tho' Blindneſs is in part happen'd to* Iſrael, yet *let the Fulneſs of the Gentiles come in*, and *let all* Iſrael *be ſaved.*

Let them be made to *look unto him whom* Zech. 12. 10.
they have pierced, and that they may *turn to the Lord*, let *the Veil which is upon their Hearts* 2 Cor. 3. 16.
be *taken away.*

4. For the Eaſtern Churches that are groaning under the Yoke of Mahometan Tyranny.

Let

Rev. 1. 11,12. Let the *Churches of Aſia*, that were *Golden Candleſticks*, which the Lord Jeſus delighted
—2. 1. to *walk in the midſt of*, be again made ſo.

Iſa. 1. 25, 26. *Reſtore unto them* their Liberties *as at the firſt*, and their Privileges *as at the beginning*; *purely purge away their Droſs, and take away all their*
Pſal. 126. 4. *Tin*, and *turn again their Captivity as the Streams in the South.*

5. For the Churches in the Plantations.

—65. 5. Be thou *the Confidence of all the Ends of the Earth, and of thoſe that are afar off* beyond *the Sea*; And let them have the Bleſſing which
Gen. 49. 56. came *upon the Head of* Joſeph, and *upon the Crown of the* Head *of him that was ſeparated from his Brethren*, even *to the utmoſt Bound of the Everlaſting Hills.*

Iſa. 57. 19. *Create Peace to thoſe that are afar off*, as well as *to thoſe that are nigh.*

Deut. 33. 19. And let thoſe that *ſuck of the abundance of the Seas, and of Treaſures hid in the Sand, call the People to the Mountain*, that *they may offer Sacrifices of Righteouſneſs.*

6. For the univerſal Church where-ever diſperſed, and for all the Intereſts of it.

Rom. 10. 1. *Our Heart's Deſire and Prayer to God for* the Goſpel *Iſrael*, is that *it may be ſav'd.*

Pſal. 51. 18. *Do good in thy good pleaſure unto* Zion, *build*
—122. 7, 8. *thou the walls of* Jeruſalem. *Peace be within her walls*, and *Proſperity within her Palaces: For our Brethren and Companions ſake, we will now ſay, Peace be within her.*

—128. 5, 6. O that we may *ſee the Good of* the Goſpel *Jeruſalem, all the Days of our Life*, and *Peace upon* Iſrael. And that thus we may have rea-
Iſa. 14. 32. ſon to *anſwer the Meſſengers of the Nations, that the Lord hath founded* Zion, *and the Poor of his People ſhall truſt to that.*

Save

Save thy People, O Lord, and bleſs thine Heritage: Feed them alſo, and lift them up for ever. Pſal. 28. *ult.*
Give Strength unto thy People, and bleſs thy People with Peace; with thy Favour do thou *compaſs them as with a Shield.* —29. *ult.* —5. *ult.*

Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jeſus Chriſt in Sincerity; for *thou knoweſt them that are thine:* and give to all that *name the Name of Chriſt to depart from Iniquity.* Eph. 6. 24. 2 Tim. 2. 19.

We pray *for all that believe in Chriſt, that they all may be one*; And ſince there is *one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſm, and one God and Father of all,* Give to all Chriſtians to be *of one Heart,* and one Way. John 17. 20, 21. Eph. 4. 4,5,6. Jer. 32. 39.

Let *the Word of the Lord* in all Places *have a free Courſe, and let it be glorified.* 2 Theſſ. 3. 1.

7. For the Conviction and Cenverſion of Atheiſts, Deiſts, and Infidels, and of all that are out of the Way of Truth, and of profane Scoffers, and thoſe that diſgrace Chriſtianity by their vicious and immoral Lives.

O teach Tranſgreſſors thy Ways, and let Sinners be converted unto thee. Pſal. 51. 13.

O give them Repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth, the Truth as it is in Jeſus, the *Truth which is according to Godlineſs, that they may recover themſelves out of the Snare of the Devil.* 2 Tim. 2. 25, 26. Eph. 4. 21. Tit. 1. 1.

Let thoſe that *are as Sheep going aſtray return to Jeſus Chriſt, the Shepherd and Biſhop of our Souls.* 1 Pet. 2. 25.

Shew thoſe *Fools* their Folly and Miſery, that *have ſaid in their Hearts there is no God, and that are corrupt, and have done abominable Work.* Pſ. 14. 1.

Lord, maintain the Honour of the Scripture, *the Law and the Teſtimony,* and convince thoſe Iſa. 8. 20.

thoſe who *ſpeak not according to that Word, that*
Pſal. 138. 2. *it is becauſe there is no light in them; magnify*
that Word above all thy Name; magnify the
Iſa. 42. 21. *Law*, magnify the Goſpel, and *make both*
honourable.

1 Pet. 3. 1. Let thoſe that *will not be won by the Word,*
be won by the Converſation of Chriſtians, which
we beg may be ſuch in every thing, *that they*
1 Cor. 14. *who believe not may be convinc'd of all, and judg-*
24, 25. *ed of all, and may be brought to worſhip God, and*
to report that God is with them of a Truth.

8. For the amending of every thing that is amiſs in the Church, the reviving of Primitive Chriſtianity, and the Power of Godlineſs, and in order thereunto, the pouring out of the Spirit.

Iſa. 32. 15. Lord, let *thy Spirit be poured out* upon thy Churches *from on high*, and *then the Wilderneſs*
ſhall become *a fruitful Field*, then *Judgment*
Pſal. 94. 15. *ſhall return unto Righteouſneſs, and all the Up-*
right in Heart ſhall follow it.

Tit. 1. 5. Let what is *wanting* be *ſet in order*, and *let*
Mat. 15. 3. *every Plant that is not of our heavenly Father's*
planting, be plucked up.

Mal. 3. 3. Let *the Lord whom we ſeek come to his Temple*
like a Refiner's Fire, and Fuller's Soap, and *let*
him purify the Sons of Levi, and all the Seed of
Iſrael, and purge them as Gold and Silver, that
they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in Righ-
teouſneſs, pleaſant to the Lord, *as in the Days*
of old, as in former Years.

Jam. 1. *ult.* Let *pure Religion and undefiled before God and*
the Father, flouriſh and prevail every where;
Rom. 14. 17. *that Kingdom of God* among Men, which *is*
not Meat and Drink, but Righteouſneſs, and
Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt. O revive this
Hab. 3. 7. *Work in the midſt of the Years, in the midſt of*

the Years make known, and let our Time be *Times of Reformation.* Heb. 9. 10.

9. For the breaking of the Power of all the Enemies of the Church, and the defeating of all their Deſigns againſt her.

Let all that *ſet themſelves, and take counſel together againſt the Lord, and againſt his Anointed*, that would *break their Bands aſunder, and caſt away their Cords from them, imagine a vain thing.* Let him that *ſits in Heaven laugh at them*, and *have them in Deriſion*; *ſpeak unto them in thy Wrath*, and *vex them in thy ſore Diſpleaſure. Give them, O Lord, what thou wilt give them*; *give them a miſcarrying Womb, and dry Breaſts.* Pſal. 2. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Hoſ. 9. 14.

O our God, make them like a Wheel, and as Stubble before the Wind; *Fill their Faces with Shame, that they may ſeek thy Name, O Lord, and that Men may know, that thou whoſe Name is Jehovah, art the moſt High over all the Earth.* Pſal. 83. 13, 16, 18.

Put them in fear, O Lord, that the Nations may know themſelves to be but Men, and *wherein* the proud Enemies of thy Church *deal proudly*, make it to appear that thou *art above them.* ——9. 20. Exod. 18. 11.

Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion, *and be as the Graſs upon the Houſetops, which withereth before it groweth up.* Pſal. 129. 5, 6.

Let *no Weapon formed againſt thy Church proſper*, and let *every Tongue that riſeth againſt it in Judgment be condemn'd.* Iſa. 54. 17.

Make *Jeruſalem a burthenſome Stone for all People*, and let *all that burthen themſelves with it be cut in pieces, tho' all the People of the Earth ſhould be gather'd together againſt it*; ſo let all *thine Enemies periſh, O Lord, but let them that* Zech. 12. 3. Judges 5. *ult.*

love thee be as the Sun when he goes forth in his Strength.

2 Theſſ. 2, 3, 8, 10, 11. Lord, let the *Man of Sin* be *conſum'd with the Spirit of thy Mouth*, and *deſtroy'd with the Brightneſs of thy coming:* And let thoſe be undeceived that have been long under the Power of *ſtrong Deluſions to believe a Lie*, and let them *receive the Truth in the Love of it.*

Rev. 18. 2, 21. Let *Babylon fall*, and ſink *like a Mill-ſtone into the Sea*; And let the *Kings of the Earth*,

—17. 17. that have given *their Power and Honour to the*

—21. 24. *Beaſt*, be wrought upon at length to *bring it into the* New Jeruſalem.

10. For the Relief of ſuffering Churches, and the Support, Comfort, and Deliverance of all that are perſecuted for Righteouſneſs ſake.

Heb. 13. 3. We deſire in our Prayers to *remember them that are in Bonds* for the Teſtimony of Jeſus, *as bound with them, and them which ſuffer Adverſity, as being our ſelves alſo in the Body. O*

Pſal. 18. 16, 17, 19. *ſend from above, and deliver them from thoſe that hate them*, and *bring them forth into a large Place.*

Pſal. 125. 3. *O let not the Rod of the Wicked reſt upon the Lot of the Righteous, leſt the Righteous put forth their Hands unto Iniquity.*

Iſa. 51. 9, 10. *Awake, awake, put on Strength, O Arm of the Lord; awake as in the antient Days, as in the Generations of old*, and *make the Depths of the Sea a Way for the Ranſomed of the Lord to paſs over.*

Pſal. 12. 5. *For the Oppreſſion of the Poor, and the ſighing of the Needy, now do thou ariſe, O Lord, and ſet them in Safety from them that puff at them.*

Rev. 13. 10. O ſtrengthen *the Patience and Faith of thy* ſuffering *Saints*, that they may *hope and quietly*

quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3. 26.

O let the Year of thy Redeemed come, and the Year of Recompences for the Controverſy of Zion. Iſa. 63. 4. —38. 8.

O that the Salvation of Iſrael *were come out of* Zion ; *and when the Lord bringeth back the Captivity of his People,* Jacob *ſhall rejoice, and* Iſrael *ſhall be glad.* Pſal. 14. 7.

O let not the Oppreſſed return aſhamed, but let the Poor and Needy praiſe thy Name. —74. 21.

Lord, *ariſe, and have Mercy on* Zion, *and let the Time to favour her, yea the ſet Time come* ; yea let *the Lord build up* Zion, *and appear in his Glory.* Lord, *regard the Prayer of the Deſtitute, and do not deſpiſe their Prayer.* —102. 13, 16, 17.

O Lord God, ceaſe, we beſeech thee ; by whom ſhall Jacob *ariſe, for he is ſmall ? O cauſe thy Face to ſhine upon* that part of *thy Sanctuary that is deſolate, for the Lord's ſake.* Amos 7. 5. Dan. 9. 17.

Let the ſorrowful *Sighing of thy Priſoners come before thee, and according to the Greatneſs of thy Power preſerve thou thoſe that* for thy Name's ſake *are appointed to die.* Pſal. 79. 12.

Let thoſe whoſe *Teachers* are *removed into Corners,* again *ſee their Teachers, tho' they have the Bread of Adverſity, and the Water of Affliction.* Iſa. 30. 20.

11. For the Nations of *Europe,* and the Countries about us.

Thou, Lord, art *the Governour among the Nations ; Who ſhall not fear thee, O King of Nations ?* Thou *ſitteſt in the Throne judging right ; judge the World* therefore *in Righteouſneſs, and miniſter Judgment to the People in Uprightneſs.* Pſal. 22. 28. Jer. 10. 7. Pſal. 9. 4, 8.

Lord, haſten the Time when thou wilt *make Wars to ceaſe to the Ends of the Earth ;* Pſal. 46. 9.

Iſa. 2. 4. when *Nation ſhall no more lift up Sword againſt Nation*, nor *Kingdom againſt Kingdom*, but *Swords ſhall be beaten into Plow-ſhares*, and *Spears into Pruning-Hooks*, and they *ſhall not learn War any more.*

—49. 23. Make *Kings nurſing Fathers*, and *their Queens nurſing Mothers to the* Iſrael *of God.*

Dan. 2. 44. And *in the Days of theſe Kings let the God of Heaven ſet up a Kingdom which ſhall never be deſtroy'd*, even the Kingdom of the Redeemer.

Prov. 19. 21. And *whatever Counſels there are in Mens Hearts, Lord*, let *thy Counſel ſtand*, and do thou *fulfil*

Pſal. 33. 11. *the thoughts of thy Heart unto all Generations.*

12. For our own Land and Nation, the happy Iſlands of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, which we ought in a ſpecial manner to ſeek the Welfare of, that in the Peace thereof we may have Peace.

1. We muſt be thankful to God for his Mercies to our Land.

Iſa. 5. 1. We bleſs thee that *thou haſt planted us in a*

Job 39. 6. *very fruitful Hill*, and *haſt not made the Wilderneſs our Habitation, or the barren Land our*

Pſal. 85. 12. *Dwelling*, but *our Land yields her Increaſe.*

—85. 1. Lord, *thou haſt dealt favourably with our*

—44. 1. *Land*; *We have heard with our Ears, and our Fathers have told us what Work thou didſt* for us *in their Days, and in the Times of old:* And *as*

—48. 8, 9. *we have heard, ſo have we ſeen*; *for we have thought of thy Loving-kindneſs, O God, in the midſt of thy Temple.*

Jer. 3. 19. Thou haſt *given us a pleaſant Land*, 'tis

Iſa. 8. 8. *Immanuel's Land*, 'tis *a Valley of Viſion*, thou

—22. 1. haſt *ſet up thy Tabernacle among us, and thy*

Ezek. 37. 26, 27. *Sanctuary is in the midſt of us.*

1 Kings 4. 25. We dwell *ſafely under our own Vines and*

2 Chr. 15. 5. *Fig-trees*, and there is *Peace to him that goeth out*, and *to him that comes in.*

And

And becauſe *the Lord loved our People, there-* 1 Kings 10. 9.
fore he hath ſet a good Government *over us to*
do Judgment and Juſtice; to be a *Terror to evil* Rom. 13. 3.
Doers, and a Protection and *Praiſe to them*
that do well.

2. We muſt be humbled before God for our National Sins and Provocations.

But we are *a ſinful People, a People laden* Iſa. 1. 4.
with Iniquity, a Seed of evil Doers; And a
great deal of Reaſon we have to *ſigh and cry* Ezek. 9. 4.
for the Abominations that are committed among
us.

Iniquity abounds among us, *and the Love of* Mat. 24. 12.
many is waxen cold.

We have not been *forſaken, nor forgotten of* Jer. 51. 5.
our God, tho' *our Land be full of Sin againſt the*
Holy one of Iſrael.

3. We muſt pray earneſtly for National Mercies.

1. For the Favour of God to us, and the Tokens of his Preſence among us, as that in which the Happineſs of our Nation is bound up.

O the Hope of Iſrael, *the Saviour thereof in* —14. 7,8,9.
time of Trouble, Be not thou *as a Stranger in*
our Land, or a way-faring Man that turns aſide
to tarry but for a Night: but *be thou* always *in*
the midſt of us; *we are called by thy Name, O*
leave us not: Tho' our Iniquities teſtify againſt
us, yet do thou it for thy Name's ſake; *tho' our*
Backſlidings are many, and we have ſinned a-
gainſt thee.

Turn us to thee, O Lord God of Hoſts, and Pſal. 80. 2, 3.
then cauſe thy Face to ſhine, and we ſhall be ſaved.
O ſtir up thy Strength, and come and ſave us.

Shew us thy Mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy —85 7,9,10,
Salvation; yea let that *Salvation be nigh them* 11, 12, 13.

that fear thee, that Glory may dwell in our Land: Let *Mercy and Truth meet together, Righteouſneſs and Peace kiſs each other:* Let *Truth ſpring out of the Earth,* and *Righteouſneſs look down from Heaven*; yea, let *the Lord give that which is good:* Let *Righteouſneſs go before him, and ſet us in the way of his Steps.*

2. For the Continuance of the Goſpel among us, and the Means of Grace, and a National Profeſſion of Chriſt's Holy Religion.

Pſal. 45. 6. Jer. 17. 12. O let the *Throne of Chriſt endure for ever among* us, *even the Place of thy Sanctuary, that glorious high Throne from the Beginning.*

Rev. 2. 4, 5. Let our *Candleſtick* never be *removed out of his Place,* tho' we have deſerv'd it ſhould, becauſe *we have left our firſt Love.* Never

Jer. 7. 12, 14. do to us as thou didſt *to thy Place which was in Shiloh,* where *thou didſt ſet thy Name at the firſt.*

Amos 8. 11, 12. Let us never know what *a Famine of the Word* means; nor ever be put to *wander from Sea to Sea, and from the River to the Ends of the Earth, to ſeek the Word of God.*

Iſa. 33. 6. Let *Wiſdom and Knowledge* be *the Stability of our Times and Strength of Salvation,* and let *the Fear of the Lord be our Treaſure: Let the*

Pſal. 72. 5, 7. *Righteous flouriſh* among us, and let there be thoſe that ſhall *fear thee* in our Land *as long as the Sun and Moon endure throughout all Generations,* that there may be *abundance of*

— 102. 18. *Peace,* and the *Children* which *ſhall be created* may *praiſe the Lord.*

3. For the Continuance of our outward Peace and Tranquillity, our Liberty and Plenty, for the Proſperity of our Trade, and a Bleſſing upon the Fruits of the Earth.

Let God himſelf be *a Wall of Fire round about us*, and *the Glory in the midſt of us*; yea, let his Goſpel be our Glory, and *upon all that Glory let there be a Defence*; and *create upon every Dwelling-place of Mount* Zion, and *upon her Aſſemblies, a Cloud and Smoke by Day*, and *the ſhining of a flaming Fire by Night.* Zech. 2. 5. Iſa. 4. 5.

Peace be within our Borders, and *Proſperity within our Palaces*, the Proſperity both of Merchandize and Husbandry, that *Zebulon may rejoice in his going out, and* Iſſachar *in his Tents.* Pſal. 122. 7. Deut. 33. 18.

Appoint Salvation to us for Walls and Bulwarks, and in order to that *let the Gates be open'd, that the righteous Nation which keepeth the Truth may enter in.* Iſa. 26. 1, 2.

Make our Officers Peace, and our Exactors Righteouſneſs; let *Violence never be heard in our Gates, Waſting or Deſtruction within our Borders*, but *let our Walls be called Salvation, and our Gates Praiſe:* Never let our *Land be termed forſaken and deſolate*, but let the *Lord delight in us*, and let *our Land be married* to him. --- 60. 17, 18. --- 62. 4.

Let our *Peace* be *as a River*, and in order to that, *our Righteouſneſs as the Waves of the Sea:* Let that *Righteouſneſs* abound among us which *exalteth a Nation*, and deliver us from *Sin*, which is a *Reproach to any People.* Iſa. 48. 18. Prov. 14. 34.

Never make *our Heavens as Braſs*, and our *Earth as Iron*; nor *take away thy Corn in the Seaſon thereof, and thy Wine in the Seaſon thereof*, but *give us Rain moderately*, the *former and the later Rain in due Seaſon*, and *reſerve unto us the appointed Works of Harveſt*, giving us fair Weather alſo in its Seaſon: Let *our Land yield her Increaſe*, and *the Trees their Fruit*; that we may *eat Bread to the full, and dwell in our Land ſafely.* Deut. 28. 23. Hoſ. 2. 9. Joel 2. 23. Jer. 5. 24. Lev. 26. 4, 5.

Abun-

Pſal. 132. 15. *Abundantly bleſs our Proviſion, and ſatisfy our Poor with Bread,* that *they which have gather'd*
Iſa. 62. 9. *it may eat and praiſe the Lord. Blow not* thou
Hag. 1. 9. *upon it,* for then when we *look for much* it will *come to little*; but *bleſs our Bleſſings,* that
Mal. 3. 10, 12. *all Nations may call us Bleſſed, and a delightſome Land.*

4. For the Suceeſs of all Endeavours for the Reformation of Manners, the Suppreſſion of Vice and Profaneneſs, and the Support of Religion and Virtue, and the bringing of them into Reputation.

Pſal. 7. 9. *O let the Wickedneſs of the Wicked come to an end,* but *eſtabliſh the Juſt, O thou righteous God that trieſt the Hearts and Reins.* Spirit many
--- 94. 16. to *riſe up for thee againſt the evil Doers, and to ſtand up for thee againſt the Workers of Iniquity.*
Rom. 11. 26. Let *the Redeemer come to* Zion, *and turn away Ungodlineſs from* Jacob; And let *the Filth*
Iſa. 4. 4. *of* Jeruſalem *be purged from the midſt thereof by the Spirit of Judgment, and the Spirit of Burning.*
Pſal. 107. 42. Let *all Iniquity ſtop her Mouth,* and let the
--- 106. 30. *Infection* of *that Plague* be *ſtay'd,* by *executing Judgment.*
Heb. 12. 3, 4. Let thoſe that are *ſtriving againſt Sin* never be *weary or faint in their Minds.*
Zech. 13. 2. *Cauſe the unclean Spirit to paſs out of the Land,* and *turn to the People a pure Language, that*
Zeph. 3. 9. *they may call on the Name of the Lord.*
Deut. 26. 19. *Make us high above all Nations in Praiſe and in Name, and in Honour,* by making us a *holy People unto the Lord our God.*

5. For the healing of our unhappy Diviſions, and the making up of our Breaches.

Judges 5. 16. *For the Diviſions* that are among us, *there are great Searchings of Heart*; for there are *three*

three againſt two, and *two againſt three in a House.* Luke 12. 52.
But is *the Breach wide as the Sea* which *cannot be healed? Is there no Balm in* Gilead? *Is there no Phyſician there? Why then is not the Health of the Daughter of our People recover'd?* Lam. 2. 13. Jer. 8. *ult.*
Lord, *heal the Breaches of our Land, for* because of them *it ſhaketh.* Pſal. 60. 2.

We beg *in the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that there may be no Diviſions among us, but that we may be perfectly joined together in the ſame Mind and in the ſame Judgment.* 1 Cor. 1. 10.

Now *the God of Patience and Conſolation grant us to be like-minded one towards another, according to Chriſt Jeſus, that we may with one Mind and one Mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt,* and promote *the common Salvation.* Rom. 15. 5, 6. Jude 2.

Lord, keep us from *judging one another,* and *deſpiſing one another,* and give us to *follow after the things which make for Peace, and things wherewith one may edify another*; that *living in Love and Peace, the God of Love and Peace may be with us.* Rom. 14. 3, 19. 2 Cor. 13. 11.

Let nothing be done through Strife or vain Glory, but every thing *in Lowlineſs of Mind,* and grant that *our Moderation may be known unto all Men, becauſe the Lord is at hand.* Phil. 2. 3. --- 4. 5.

6. For Victory and Succeſs againſt our Enemies abroad, that ſeek our Ruin.

Riſe, Lord, and let thine Enemies be ſcatter'd, and let thoſe that hate thee flee before thee, but return, O Lord, to the many Thouſands of thine Iſrael. Num. 10, 35, 36.

Give us Help from Trouble, for vain is the Help of Man; Through God let our Forces *do valiantly, yea let God himſelf tread down our Enemies,* and *give them as Duſt to our Sword,* Pſal. 60. 11, 12. Iſa. 41. 2.

and

and as driven Stubble to our Bow.

Deut. 33. *ult.* Let us be a *People ſaved by the Lord, as the Shield of our Help and the Sword of our Excellency*; and make our Enemies ſenſible that *the*
Exod. 14. 25. *Lord fighteth for us againſt them.*
Judges 5. 18. Thoſe who *jeopard their Lives* for us *in the*
Pſal. 18. 34, 35. *High Places of the Field, teach their Hands to war, and their Fingers to fight; give them the Shield of thy Salvation, and let thy Right Hand*
Pſal. 140. 7. *hold them up, and cover their Heads in the Day of Battel.*

7. For all Orders and Degrees of Men among us, and all we ſtand in any Relation to.

(1.) For our Sovereign Lord the King, that God will protect his Perſon, preſerve his Health, and continue his Life and Government long a publick Bleſſing.

Pſal. 72. 1, 4. *Give the King thy Judgments, O God, and thy Righteouſneſs*, that he may *judge the Poor of the People, may ſave the Children of the Needy, and may break in Pieces the Oppreſſor.*
Prov. 20. 28. Let his *Throne be eſtabliſhed with Righteouſ-*
--- 25. 5. *neſs, and upheld with Mercy:* Give him long
Pſal. 21. 4, 5, 6, 7. Life and *Length of Days for ever and ever*, and let *his Glory be great in thy Salvation*, and *make him exceeding glad with thy Countenance: Through the Mercy of the Moſt High let him not be moved.*
--- 132. 18. *Clothe his Enemies with Shame, but upon himſelf let the Crown flouriſh*, and continue him
Iſa. 49. 23. long, very long, *a Nurſing Father* to thine *Iſrael.*

(2.) For the Succeſſion in the Proteſtant Line, that a Bleſſing may attend it, that the Entail of the Crown may prove a ſucceſsful Expedient for the eſtabliſhing of Peace and Truth

Truth in our Days, the ſecuring of them to Poſterity, and the extinguiſhing the Hopes of our Popiſh Adverſaries, and all their Aiders and Abettors.

Lord, preſerve to us the *Lamp* which *thou haſt ordain'd for thine Anointed, that the Generation to come may know thee, even the Children which ſhall be born, that they may ſet their Hope in God, and keep his Commandments.* Pſal. 132. 17. --- 78. 6, 7.

Let the Proteſtant Succeſſion *abide before God for ever: O prepare Mercy and Truth which may preſerve it, ſo will we ſing Praiſe unto thy Name for ever.* Thus let *the Lord ſave* Sion, *and build the Cities of* Judah, and *the Seed of thy Servants ſhall inherit* it, *and they that love thy Name ſhall dwell therein.* --- 61. 7, 8. ---69. 35, 36.

Let their Deſign who *would make a Captain to return into* Egypt, be again defeated, and *let not the deadly Wound that hath been given to the Beaſt be healed any more.* Numb. 14. 4. Rev. 13. 11.

Let *our Eyes ſee* Jeruſalem, *the City of our Solemnities, a quiet Habitation, a Tabernacle that ſhall not be taken down: Let none of the Stakes thereof be removed, nor any of the Cords thereof broken,* but let *the glorious Lord be unto us a Place of broad Waters and Streams; for the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King, he will ſave us.* Iſa. 33. 20, 21, 22.

(3.) For the Privy Counſellors, the Miniſters of State, the Members of Parliament, the Ambaſſadors and Envoys abroad, and all that are employ'd in the Conduct of publick Affairs.

Counſel our Counſellors, and *teach our Senators Wiſdom:* O give them *a Spirit of Wiſdom and Underſtanding, a Spirit of Counſel and Might, a Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of* Pſal. 105. 22. Iſa. 11, 2, 3.

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the Lord, to *make them of quick Underſtanding in the Fear of the Lord.*

Job 12. 20. *O remove not the Speech of the Truſty, nor take away the Underſtanding of the Aged*, nor ever let the *things that belong to* the Nation's *Peace* Luke 19. 42. *be hid from the Eyes* of thoſe that are entruſted with the Nation's Counſels.

Pſal. 82. 1. Make it to appear that *thou ſtandeſt in the Congregation of the mighty*, and *judgeſt among* --- 47. 9. *the Gods*, and that when *the Princes of the People are gather'd together, even the People of the God of* Abraham, *the God of* Abraham himſelf is among them; And let *the Shields of the Earth belong unto the Lord*, that he may *be greatly exalted.*

Iſa. 58. 12. Let *thoſe that be of us build the old waſte Places, and raiſe up the Foundations of many Generations, that they may be called the Repairers of the Breaches*, and *Reſtorers of Paths to dwell in.*

(4.) For the Magiſtrates, the Judges and Juſtices of Peace in the ſeveral Counties and Corporations.

2 Sam. 23. 3. Make thoſe that *rule over us juſt, ruling in the Fear of God*; and let thoſe that *judge* re- 2 Chr. 19. 6, 7. member *that they judge not for Man, but for the Lord, who is with them in the Judgment, that therefore the Fear of the Lord may be upon them.*

Exod. 18. 21. Make them *able Men, and Men of Truth, fearing God, and hating Covetouſneſs*, that Amos 5. 24. *Judgment may run down like a River, and Righteouſneſs as a mighty Stream.*

Pſal. 82. 3, 4. Enable our Magiſtrates to *defend the Poor and Fatherleſs, to do Juſtice for the Afflicted and Needy, to deliver the Poor and Needy, and to rid them out of the Hand of the Wicked*; and Rom. 13. 4. let *Rulers never be a Terror to good Works, but* 1 Pet. 2. 14. *to the evil.* (5.) For

(5.) For all the Miniſters of God's holy Word and Sacraments, the Maſters of Aſſemblies.

Teach thy Miniſters *how they ought to behave themſelves in the Houſe of God, which is the Church of the Living God,* that they may *not preach themſelves, but Chriſt Jeſus the Lord,* and may *ſtudy to ſhew themſelves approved to God, Workmen that need not to be aſhamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.* 1 Tim. 3. 15. 2 Cor. 4, 5. 2 Tim. 2. 15.

Make them *mighty in the Scriptures,* that from thence *they may be throughly furniſhed for every good Work,* in *Doctrine ſhewing Uncorruptneſs, Gravity, and Sincerity,* and *ſound Speech, which cannot be condemn'd.* Acts 18. 24. 2 Tim. 3. 17. Tit. 2. 7.

Enable them to *give Attendance to Reading, to Exhortation, to Doctrine, to meditate upon theſe things, to give themſelves to Prayer and to the Miniſtry of the Word,* to *give themſelves wholly to them* ; and *to continue in them, that they may both ſave themſelves, and thoſe that hear them.* 1 Tim. 4. 13, 15, 16. Acts 6. 4.

Let *Utterance be given to them, that they may open their Mouths boldly, to make known the Myſtery of the Goſpel, that thereof they may ſpeak as they ought to ſpeak,* as *able Miniſters of the New Teſtament, not of the Letter, but of the Spirit,* and let them *obtain Mercy of the Lord to be faithful.* Eph. 6. 19, 20. 2 Cor. 3. 6. 1 Cor. 7. 21.

Let *the Arms of their Hands be made ſtrong* by *the Hands of the mighty God of* Jacob ; and *let them be full of Power by the Spirit of the Lord of Hoſts, to ſhew thy People their Tranſgreſſions, and the Houſe of* Jacob *their Sins.* Gen. 49. 24. Mic. 3. 8. Iſa. 58. 1.

Make them *ſound in the Faith,* and *enable* them always to *ſpeak the things which become ſound Doctrine,* with *Meekneſs inſtructing thoſe that oppoſe themſelves* ; and let not the *Servants* Tit. 1. 13. --- 2. 1.

of

2 Tim. 2. 24, 25. *of the Lord strive*, but be *gentle to all Men, apt to teach.*

1 Tim. 4. 12. Make them good *Examples to the Believers in Word, in Conversation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Faith, in Purity*; and let them be *clean,* Isa. 52. 11. *that bear the Vessels of the Lord*, and let *Holi-*Exod. 28. 36. *ness to the Lord* be written upon their Foreheads.

Isa. 49. 4. Lord, grant that they may *not labour in vain*, or *spend their Strength for nought, and* Acts 11. 21. *in vain*; but let *the Hand of the Lord be with them, that many may believe, and turn to the Lord.*

(6.) For all the Universities, Schools, and Nurseries of Learning.

Let the *Schools of the Prophets* be repleniſh-Jam. 1. 17. ed with *every good Gift and every perfect Gift from above from the Father of Lights.*

2 Kings 2. 21. *Cast Salt into those Fountains, and heal the Waters* thereof, that from thence may issue *Streams which shall make glad the City of our* Psal. 46. 4. *God, the Holy Place of the Tabernacles of the most High.*

(7.) For the Common People of the Land.

Give Grace to all the Subjects of this Land, that they may under the Government God 1 Tim. 2. 2. hath set over us, *live quiet and peaceable Lives in all Godliness and Honesty*, dwelling together in Unity, that the Lord may *command a Blessing upon us, even Life for evermore.*

Acts 10. 35. Let all of every Denomination that *fear God and work Righteousness be accepted of him*; yea, let *such as love thy Salvation say continually,* Psal. 35. 27. *The Lord be magnified that hath pleasure in the prosperity of his Servants.*

(8.) For the several Ages and Conditions of Men, as they stand in need of Mercy and Grace. 1. For

1. For thoſe that are young, and ſetting out in the World.

Lord, give to thoſe that are young to *remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth*, that thereby they may be kept from the *Vanity* which *Childhood and Youth* are ſubject to, and may be reſtrained from *walking in the way of their Heart, and in the ſight of their Eyes*, by conſidering that *for all theſe things God will bring them into Judgment.* Eccl. 12. 1. —11. 9, 10.

Lord, make young People *ſober-minded*, and let *the Word of God abide in them*, that *they may be ſtrong, and may overcome the Wicked One.* Tit. 2. 6. 1 John 2. 14.

From the *Womb of the Morning* let *Chriſt have the Dew of the Youth*, and let him be *formed* in the Hearts of thoſe that are young. Pſal. 110. 3. Gal. 4. 19.

Keep thoſe that are ſetting out in the World from *the Corruption that is in the World through Luſt*; and give to thoſe that have been well educated to *hold faſt the Form of ſound Words*, and to *continue in the Things which they have learn'd.* 2 Pet. 1. 4. 2 Tim. 1. 13. —3. 14.

2. For thoſe that are old, and are of long ſtanding in Profeſſion.

There are ſome that are *old Diſciples of* Jeſus Chriſt, Lord, give them *ſtill to bring forth Fruit in old Age, to ſhew that the Lord is upright*, that he is *their Rock*, and *there is no Unrighteouſneſs in him.* Now the *evil Days* are *come*, and the *Years of which they ſay there is no Pleaſure in them*, let *thy Comforts delight their Souls.* Acts 21. 16. Pſal. 92. 14, 15. Eccl. 12. 1. Pſal. 94. 19.

Even to their old Age be thou He, and *to the hoary Hairs do thou carry them thou haſt made*, we *beſeech thee bear*, yea do thou *carry and deliver them.* Iſa. 46. 4.

Pſal. 71. 9, 17, 18. Thoſe whom thou haſt *taught from their Youth up*, and who have *hitherto declared all thy wondrous Works*, now alſo *when they are old and grey-headed leave them not, caſt them not off in their Old Age, fail them not when their Strength fails.*

Prov. 16. 31. Let every hoary Head be *a Crown of Glory* to thoſe that have it, being *found in the Way*
2 Tim. 1. 12. *of Righteouſneſs*, and give them to *know whom they have believed.*

3. For thoſe that are rich and proſperous in the World, ſome of whom perhaps need Prayers as much as thoſe that requeſt them.

1 Tim. 6. 17, 19. Lord keep *thoſe that are rich in the World* from being *high-minded*, and truſting in uncertain Riches, and give them to truſt in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: That they may *do good*, and be rich in good Works, *ready to diſtribute, willing to communicate:* That they may *lay up in ſtore for themſelves a good Security for the Time to come.*

Mat. 19. 26. Tho' *it is hard for thoſe that are rich to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, yet *with thee* this is *poſſible.*

4. For thoſe that are poor and in Affliction, for ſuch we have always with us.

Mat. 11. 5. Jam. 2. 5. Lord, make thoſe that are *Poor in the World rich in Faith, and Heirs of the Kingdom*, and give to *them to receive the Goſpel.*

Zech. 11. 11. O that *the Poor of the Flock* may *wait upon thee*, and may *know the Word of the Lord.*

Pſal. 39. 19. *Many are the Troubles of the Righteous*, Good Lord, *deliver them out of them all*, and *tho' no*
Heb. 12. 11. *Affliction for the preſent ſeems to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheleſs afterward let it yield the peaceable Fruit of Righteouſneſs to them that are exercis'd thereby.*

5. For

5. For our Enemies, and thoſe that hate us.

Lord, give us to *love our Enemies, to bleſs them that curſe us*, and *to pray for them that deſpitefully uſe us and perſecute us.* Mat. 5. 44.

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; and *lay not* their Malice *againſt us to their Charge*, and work in us a Diſpoſition to *forbear* and *forgive in Love*, as thou requireſt we ſhould *when we pray.* Luke 23. 34. Acts 7. 6. Col. 3. 13. Mar. 11. 25.

And grant that *our Ways may ſo pleaſe the Lord*, that even *our Enemies may be at Peace with us.* Let the *Wolf and the Lamb lie down together*, and let *there be none to hurt or deſtroy in all the holy Mountain*; *let not* Ephraim *envy* Judah, *nor* Judah *vex* Ephraim. Prov. 16. 7. Iſa. 11. 6, 9, 13.

6. For our Friends, and thoſe that love us.

And *we wiſh* for all thoſe *whom we love in the Truth*, that *they may proſper, and be in health*, eſpecially that *their Souls may proſper.* 3 John 2.

The Grace of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt be with their Spirits. Philem. *ult.*

CHAP. VI.

Of Addreſſes to God upon particular Occaſions, whether Domeſtick or Publick.

IT is made our Duty, and preſcrib'd as a Remedy againſt diſquieting Care, that *in every thing by Prayer and Supplication with Thankſgiving we ſhould make our Requeſts known to God.* Phil. 4. 6. And it is part of the παῤῥησία, Heb. 10. 19. the *Boldneſs*, the *Liberty of Speech* (ſo the Word ſignifies) which is allowed us in our

Acceſs to God, that we may be particular in opening our Caſe, and ſeeking to him for
2 Chr. 6. 29. Relief; that according as *the Sore* and *the Grief* is, accordingly the *Prayer* and the *Supplication* may be by *any Man*, or by the *People of* Iſrael. Not that God needs to be particularly inform'd of our Condition, he knows it better than we our ſelves do, and our Souls too in our Adverſity, but it is his Will that
Prov. 3. 6. we ſhould thus *acknowledge him in all our Ways*,
Pſal. 37. 23. and wait upon him for the *Direction of every Step*, not *preſcribing*, but *ſubſcribing* to infinite Wiſdom, humbly ſhewing him our Wants, Burthens, and Deſires, and then referring our ſelves to him, to do for us as he thinks fit.

We ſhall inſtance in ſome of the Occaſions of particular Addreſs to God, more or leſs uſual, which may either be the principal Matter of a whole Prayer, or inſerted in our other Prayers, and in ſome Caſes that are more peculiar to Miniſters, or others, in common to them with Maſters of Families and private Chriſtians. As there may be ſomething particular,

1. In our Morning Prayers.

Pſal. 5. 3. Our *Voice ſhalt thou* now *hear in the Morning, in the Morning will we direct our Prayer unto thee, and will look up*; for *our Souls wait for thee*,
Pſal. 130. 6. O Lord, *more than they that watch for the Morning, yea more than they that watch for the Morn-*
Pſal. 59. 16. *ing*; and we *will ſing aloud of thy Mercy in the Morning*; *for thou haſt been our Defence.*

It is thou (O God) that *haſt commanded the*
Job 38. 12, 13, 14. *Morning*, and *cauſed the Day-ſpring to know its place, that it might take hold of the Ends of the Earth*, and *it is turned as Clay to the Seal.*

The Day is thine, the Night alſo is thine, thou haſt prepared the Light and the Sun. Pſal. 74. 16.

With the Light of the Morning let *the Day-ſpring from on high viſit us*, to *give us the Knowledge of Salvation, through the tender Mercy of our God*; And *let the Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſe* upon our Souls *with healing under his Wings*; and *our Path be as the ſhining Light, which ſhines more and more to the perfect Day.* Luke 1. 77, 78. Mal. 4. 2. Prov. 4. 18.

It is of thy Mercy, O Lord, that we are not conſum'd, even becauſe thy Compaſſions fail not; they are new every Morning, great is thy Faithfulneſs: And if *Weeping* ſometimes *endures for a Night, Joy comes in the Morning.* Lam. 3. 22, 23. Pſal. 30. 5.

We thank thee that we have *laid us down*, —3. 5.
have *had where to lay our Head*, and have not Mar. 8. 20.
been *wandring in Deſarts and Mountains, in* Heb. 11. 38.
Dens, and Caves of the Earth: And that we Job 7. 3, 4,
have *ſlept*, and have not been *full of Toſſings* 13.
to and fro till the Dawning of the Day, that *wearyſome Nights are not appointed to us*, and we are not *ſaying* at our *lying down, When ſhall we ariſe, and the Night be gone?* But our *Bed comforts us, and our Couch eaſeth our Complaint:* Thou *giveſt us Sleep* as thou giveſt it to thy Pſal. 127. 2.
Beloved. And that having *laid us down* and *ſlept*, we have *waked again*; thou haſt *lightned our Eyes*, ſo that we *have not ſlept the Sleep of Death.* —13. 3.

Thou haſt preſerved us *from the Peſtilence* —91. 6.
that walketh in Darkneſs, and from the Malice
of the *Rulers of the Darkneſs of this World*, the Eph. 6. 12.
roaring Lion that *goes about ſeeking to devour:* He 1 Pet. 5. 8.
that *keepeth* Iſrael, and *neither ſlumbers nor* Pſal. 121. 4.
ſleeps, has *kept us*, and ſo we have been ſafe.

But we cannot ſay with thy Servant *David*, —139. 18.
that *when we awake we are ſtill with thee*, or

Pſal. 119. 148. that *our Eyes have prevented the Night Watches that we might meditate in thy Word*; but *vain Thoughts ſtill lodge within us.* O pardon our Sins, and *cauſe us to hear thy Loving kindneſs this Morning, for in thee do we truſt; cauſe us to know the Way wherein we ſhould walk, for we lift up our Souls unto thee: Teach us to do thy Will, for thou art our God, thy Spirit is good, lead us into the Way and Land of Uprightneſs.*

Jer. 4. 14.

Pſal. 143. 8, 10.

Pſal. 121. 7,8. And now let *the Lord preſerve and keep us from all Evil* this Day, yet let *the Lord preſerve our Souls:* Lord, *preſerve our going out and coming in; Give thine Angels charge concerning us, to bear us up in their Hands*, and *keep us in all our Ways.* And give us Grace to do the Work of the Day in its Day, as the Duty of the Day requires.

—91. 11, 12.

Ezra 3. 4.

2. In our Evening Prayers.

Pſal. 65. 8. Thou, O God, makeſt the *Out-goings of the Evening*, as well as *of the Morning*, to *rejoice*; for thereby thou calleſt us from *our Work and our Labour*, and biddeſt us *reſt a while.* And now let *our Souls return to thee*, and repoſe in thee as *our Reſt, becauſe thou haſt dealt bountifully with us*; ſo ſhall *our Sleep be ſweet to us.*

—104. 23.

Mar. 6. 31.

Pſal. 116. 7.

Jer. 31. 26.

Pſal. 68. 19. *Bleſſed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his Benefits*, who hath this Day *preſerved our going out and coming in:* And now we have received from thee our *daily Bread*, we pray, *Father, forgive us our Treſpaſſes.*

—121. 8.

Mat. 6. 11, 12.

Pſal. 4. 8. And we will *lay us down and ſleep*; *for thou, Lord, makeſt us to dwell in Safety: Make a Hedge* of Protection (we pray thee) *about us and about our Houſe, and about all that we have round about.* Let *the Angels of God encamp round about us* to *deliver us*; that we may

Job 1. 10.

Pſal. 34. 7.

lie down, and none may make us afraid. Job 11. 19.

Into thy Hands we commit our Spirits; that in Pſal. 31. 5.
Slumberings upon the Bed, our *Ears may be open'd*, Job 33. 15.
and *Inſtruction ſeal'd*; And let *the Lord give us* Pſal. 16. 7.
Counſel, and let our Reins inſtruct us in the Night
Seaſon: Viſit us in the Night and try us, and —17. 3.
enable us to *commune with our own Hearts up-* —4. 4.
on our Bed.

Give us to *remember thee upon our Bed*, and ——63. 6.
to *meditate upon thee in the Night Watches*,
with *the Saints* that are *joyful in Glory*, and ——149. 5.
that *ſing aloud upon their Beds.*

3. In craving a Bleſſing before Meat.

Thou, O Lord, *giveſt Food to all Fleſh*, ——136. 25.
for thy Mercy endures for ever. The *Eyes of all* ——145. 15.
wait on thee; but eſpecially *thou giveſt Meat* ——111. 5.
to them that fear thee, being ever mindful of thy
Covenant.

Thou art *our Life, and the Length of our* Deut. 30. 20.
Days, the *God that haſt fed us all our Life long* Gen. 48. 15.
unto this Day: Thou *giveſt us all things richly* 1 Tim. 6. 17.
to enjoy, tho' we ſerve thee but poorly. Thou
haſt not only *given us every green Herb*, and Gen. 1. 29.
the Fruit of the Trees to be *to us for Meat*, but ——9. 3.
every moving thing that liveth, even as the green
Herb.

And bleſſed be God that now under the
Goſpel we are taught to *call nothing common or* Acts 10. 15.
unclean, and that it is *not that which goes into* Mat. 15. 11.
the Man that *defiles the Man*, but that *every*
Creature of God is good, and nothing to be re- 1 Tim. 4. 3, 4.
fus'd; *for God hath created it to be received*
with Thankſgiving of them which believe and
know the Truth.

We acknowledge we are *not worthy* of the Mat. 15. 27.
leaſt *Crumb* that *falls from the Table* of thy
Providence: Thou might'ſt juſtly take away

Iſa. 3. 1. from us the *Stay of Bread, and the Stay of Wa-*
Ezek. 4. 16. *ter*, and make us to *eat our Bread by Weight*, and to *drink our Water by Meaſure, and with Aſtoniſhment*; becauſe when we have been
Deut. 32. 15. *fed to the full*, we have *forgotten God our Maker*. But let our Sins be pardon'd, we pray
Pſal. 69. 22. thee, that *our Table may not become a Snare before us, nor that be made a Trap, which ſhould have been for our Welfare.*

1 Tim. 4. 5. We know that *every thing is ſanctified by the Word of God and Prayer*; and that *Man lives*
Mat. 4. 4. *not by Bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God*; and therefore according to our Maſter's Example, we *look*
Mat. 14. 19. *up to Heaven*, and pray for *a Bleſſing* upon
Pſal. 132. 15. our Food, *abundantly bleſs our Proviſion.*
Jude 12. Lord, grant that we may *not feed our ſelves*
Phil. 3. 19. *without Fear*, that we may not *make a God of our Belly*, that *our Hearts* may never be *over-*
Luke 21. 34. *charg'd with Surfeiting or Drunkenneſs*, but that
1 Cor. 10. 31. *whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to the Glory of God.*

4. In returning Thanks after our Meat.

Deut. 8. 10. Now *we have eaten and are full, we bleſs thee for the good Land thou haſt given us. Thou pre-*
Pſal. 23. 5. *pareſt a Table for us in the Preſence of our Enemies, thou anointeſt our Head, and our Cup runs over.*

—16. 5, 6. Thou, Lord, art *the Portion of our Inheritance and of our Cup, thou maintaineſt our Lot*, ſo that we have Reaſon to ſay, *The Lines are fallen to us in pleaſant Places, and we have a goodly Heritage.*

John 6. 27, 33, 34. Eſpecially we bleſs thee for *the Bread of Life, which came down from Heaven, which was given for the Life of the World*; *Lord, evermore give us that Bread*; and Wiſdom to *labour*

leſs

leſs for the Meat which periſheth, and more for that which endures to everlaſting Life.

The Lord *give Food to the hungry*, and *ſend Portions to them for whom nothing is prepared.* Pſ. 146. 7.

Let us be of thoſe *bleſſed* ones that ſhall *eat Bread in the Kingdom of God*, that ſhall *eat of the hidden Manna.* Luke 14. 15. Rev. 2. 17.

5. When we are going a Journey.

Lord, *keep us in the Way that we go*, and let *no evil thing befall us:* Let us have *a proſperous Journey by the Will of God*, and *with thy Favour* let us be *compaſs'd* where-ever we go *as with a Shield.* Gen. 28. 20. Pſal. 91. 10. Rom. 1. 10. Pſal. 5. 12.

Let us *walk in our Way ſafely*, and *let not our Foot ſtumble*, or *daſh againſt a Stone.* Prov. 3. 23. Pſal. 91. 12.

Direct our Way in every Thing, and enable us to *order* all *our Affairs with Diſcretion*, and the Lord *ſend us good ſpeed, and ſhew Kindneſs to us.* 1 Theſſ. 1. 11. Pſal. 112. 5. Gen. 24. 12.

And *the Lord watch between us, when we are abſent the one from the other.* —31. 49.

6. When we return from a Journey.

Bleſſed be the Lord God of Abraham, *who hath not left us deſtitute of his Mercy and his Truth.* —24. 27.

All our Bones ſhall ſay, Lord, who is like unto thee, for thou keepeſt all our Bones. Pſal. 35. 10. —34. 20.

It is God that girdeth us with Strength, and maketh our Way perfect. —18. 32.

7. On the Evening before the Lord's Day.

Now give us to remember that *to morrow is the Sabbath of the Lord*, and that it is *a high Day, holy of the Lord and honourable*, and give us Grace ſo to *ſanctify our ſelves, that to morrow the Lord may do Wonders among us*; and to mind the Work of *our Preparation* now *the Sabbath draws on.* Exod 16. 23. John 19. 31. Iſa. 58. 13. Joſh. 3. 5. Luke 23. 54.

When

Gen. 1. 31. When *thou ſaweſt every thing that thou hadſt made in ſix Days, behold all was very good*, but
Jam. 3. 2. *in many things we have all offended.* O that by Repentance and Faith in Chriſt's Blood we
John 13. 9. may *waſh not our Feet only, but alſo our Hands*
Pſal. 26. 6. *and our Head*, and our Heart, and *ſo may compaſs thine Altar, O Lord.*

Heb. 4. 10. Now give us to *reſt* from *all our own Works*, and to leave all our worldly Cares *at the bot-*
Gen. 22. 5. *tom of the Hill, while we go up into the Mount to worſhip God*, and *return again to them.*

8. On the Morning of the Lord's Day.

Pſal. 118. 27. We *bleſs thee, Lord, who haſt ſhewed us Light*, and that *the Light we ſee is the Lord's*;
Luke 17. 22. that *we ſee one more of the Days of the Son of*
Pſal. 84. 10. *Man*; *a Day* to be ſpent *in thy Courts*, which *is better than a thouſand* elſewhere.

Luke 10. 21, 23, 24. *We thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that the Things which were hid from the Wiſe and Prudent, are revealed unto us Babes, even ſo, Father, becauſe it ſeemed good in thine Eyes: That our Eyes ſee*, and *our Ears hear that which many Prophets and Kings deſir'd to ſee, de-*
2 Tim. 1. 10. *ſir'd to hear*, and *might not*; That *Life and Immortality are brought to light by the Goſpel.*

Rev. 1. 10. And now, O that we may *be in the Spirit on*
Iſa. 58. 13. *the Lord's Day!* that we may *call the Sabbath a Delight*, and may honour the Son of Man,
Mar. 1. 28. who is *Lord alſo of the Sabbath Day, not doing our own Ways*, or *finding our own Pleaſure*, or *ſpeaking our own Words.*

9. At the Entrance upon the publick Worſhip on the Lord's Day by the Maſters of the Aſſemblies.

Pſal. 89. 7. *Thou* (O God) *art greatly to be fear'd in the Aſſembly of the Saints*, and *to be had in reverence of all them that are about thee.* O give us Grace

Grace to *worſhip thee with Reverence and godly Fear, becauſe thou our God art a conſuming Fire.* Heb. 12. 28, 29.

This is that which thou haſt ſaid, That *thou wilt be ſanctified in them which come nigh unto thee, and before all the People thou wilt be glorified.* Lev. 10. 3.

Thou art *the Lord that ſanctifieſt us,* Ezek. 20. 12.
ſanctify us by thy Truth, that we may *ſanctify* John 17. 17.
thee in our Hearts, and make thee our Fear Iſa. 8. 13.
and our Dread.

We come together to give Glory to the Great *Jehovah,* who *in ſix Days made Heaven* Exod. 20. 11.
and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and reſted the ſeventh Day, and therefore bleſſed a Sabbath Day, and hallowed it. And *our Help* Pſal. 124. *ult.*
ſtands in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth.

O let us be *new Creatures, thy Workmanſhip* 2 Cor. 5. 17.
created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good Works; And Eph. 2. 10.
let *that God who* on the firſt Day of the World
commanded the Light to ſhine out of Darkneſs, on 2 Cor. 4. 6.
this firſt Day of the Week *ſhine into our Hearts,*
to give us the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory
of God in the Face of Jeſus Chriſt.

We come together to give Glory to the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and to ſanctifie this Sabbath to his Honour, who was *the Stone that* Pſal. 118. 22,
the Builders refus'd, but *is now become the Head* 23, 24.
Stone of the Corner. This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our Eyes: This is the
Day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice
and be glad in it: He is *the firſt and the laſt,* Rev. 2. 8.
who was dead and is alive.

O that we may this Day experience the Phil. 3. 10.
Power of Chriſt's Reſurrection, and may be Rom. 6. 4, 5.
planted together in the likeneſs of it, that *as*
Chriſt was raiſed up from the Dead by the Glory
of

of the Father; *ſo we alſo may walk in Newneſs*
Eph. 2. 6. *of Life*, and may *ſit with him in heavenly Pla-*
Col. 3. 1. *ces*; and by *ſeeking the things that are above*, may make it to appear that *we are riſen with him.*

We come together to give Glory to the Bleſſed Spirit of Grace, and to celebrate the
Acts 1. 4, 8. Memorial of the *giving of that Promiſe of the*
—2. 1. *Father*, in whom the Apoſtles *received Power* on the *firſt Day* of the Week, as on that Day Chriſt roſe.

Eph. 5. 8, 18. O that we may this Day be *filled with the Holy Ghoſt*, and that *the Fruit of the Spirit* in us *may be in all Goodneſs, and Righteouſneſs, and Truth.*

We come together to teſtify our Communion with the Univerſal Church, that tho'
1 Cor. 10. 17. *we are many*, yet *we are one*; that we worſhip
—8. 6. *one* and the ſame *God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we* in him, in the Name of *one Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom are all things, and we by him*; under the Conduct of *the ſame Spi-*
—12. 11. *rit, one and the ſelf-ſame Spirit, who divideth to every Man ſeverally as he will*, walking *by*
Gal. 6. 16. *the ſame Rule, looking for the ſame bleſſed Hope,*
Tit. 2. 13. and the *glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour.*

10. In our Preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Now we are invited to come *eat of* Wiſdom's
Prov. 9. 5. *Bread, and drink of the Wine that ſhe has mingled,*
Mat. 5. 6. give us *to hunger and thirſt after Righteouſneſs*;
Rev. 19. 9. And being *called to the Marriage Supper of the*
Mat. 22. 11. *Lamb*, Give us *the Wedding Garment.*
Cant. 4. 16. *Awake, O North Wind, and come thou South, and blow upon our Garden, that the Spices thereof may flow forth*; and then *let our Beloved come*

into

into his Garden, and eat his pleaſant Fruits.

Draw us, and we will run after thee; bring us into the Chambers, that there we may *be glad and rejoice in thee, and may remember thy Love more than Wine.* And *when the King ſits at his Table, let our Spikenard ſend forth the Smell thereof.* Cant. 1. 4, 12.

And *the good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his Heart to ſeek God, the Lord God of his Fathers,* tho' he be *not cleanſed according to the Purification of the Sanctuary: Hear our Prayers, and heal the People.* 2 Chr. 30. 18, 19.

11. In the celebrating of the Lord's Supper.

O let *this Cup of Bleſſing, which we bleſs,* be the *Communion of the Blood of Chriſt*; let this *Bread which we break be the Communion of the Body of Chriſt,* and enable us herein to *ſhew the Lord's Death, till he come.* 1 Cor. 10. 16. —11. 26.

Now let us be *joined to the Lord in an everlaſting Covenant*; ſo *joined to the Lord,* as to become *one Spirit* with him. Now let us be made *Partakers of Chriſt* by *holding faſt the Beginning of our Confidence ſtedfaſt to the End.* Jer. 50. 5. 1 Cor. 6. 17. Heb. 3. 14.

Let Chriſt's *Fleſh* be *Meat indeed* to us, and his *Blood Drink indeed*; and give us ſo by Faith to *eat his Fleſh,* and *drink his Blood,* that *he may dwell in us,* and *we in him,* and *we may live by him.* John 6. 55, 56, 57.

Let the *Croſs of Chriſt,* which is *to the Jews a Stumbling-Block, and to the Greeks Fooliſhneſs, be to us the Wiſdom of God and the Power of God.* 1 Cor. 1. 23, 24.

Seal to us the *Remiſſion of Sins, the Gift of the Holy Ghoſt,* and the *Promiſe of eternal Life,* and enable us to *take this Cup of Salvation, and to call on the Name of the Lord.* Acts 2. 38. 1 John 2. 25. Pſal. 116. 13.

12. After

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Rev. 3. 11. And now, Lord, give us to *hold faſt that which we have received, that no Man take our*
1 Chr. 29. 18. *Crown:* And *keep it always in the Imagination of the Thought of our Heart,* and *prepare our Hearts unto thee.*

Col. 2. 6. Give us Grace, *as we have received Chriſt Jeſus the Lord, ſo to walk in him,* that our
Phil. 1. 27. *Converſation* may be in every thing *as becomes his Goſpel.*

2 Cor. 4. 10. O that we may now *bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jeſus,* ſo *as that the Life alſo of Jeſus may be manifeſted in our*
Phil. 1. 21. *mortal Body,* that *to us to live may be Chriſt.*

Pſal. 56. 12. *Thy Vows are upon us, O God:* O that we
——61. 8. may be *daily performing our Vows.*

13. Upon occaſion of the Baptiſm of a Child.

Ezek. 18. 4. To thee, O God, *whoſe all Souls are, the Souls of the Parents* and *the Souls of the Children,*
Rom. 12. 1. *we preſent this Child a living Sacrifice,* which we deſire may be *holy and acceptable,* and that it
Mat. 28. 19. may be given up and dedicated to *the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt.*

Pſal. 51. 5. It is *conceived in Sin,* but *there is a Fountain*
Zech. 13. 1. *open'd:* O waſh the Soul of this Child in that Fountain, now it is by thine appointment
Heb. 10. 22. *waſh'd with pure Water.*

Acts 3. 25. 'Tis one of the *Children of the Covenant,* one
Ezek. 16. 20. of the *Children* that is *born unto thee,* 'tis *thy*
Pſal. 116. 16. *Servant born in thy Houſe:* O make good thy
Gen. 17. 7. antient Covenant, that thou wilt *be a God to*
Gal. 3. 14. *Believers and to their Seed*; for this *Bleſſing of* Abraham *comes upon the Gentiles,* and the *Pro-*
Acts 2. 39. *miſe is ſtill to us and to our Children.*

Thou

Thou haſt encourag'd us to *bring little Children to thee*; for thou haſt ſaid, that *of ſuch is the Kingdom of God*: Bleſſed Jeſus, *take up* this Child in the *Arms* of thy Power and Grace, *put thy Hands upon it, and bleſs it*; let it be a *Veſſel of Honour, ſanctified, and meet for the Maſter's Uſe*, and *owned* as one of *thine in that Day when thou makeſt up thy Jewels.* Mat. 10. 14, 16. 2 Tim. 2. 21. Mal. 3. 17. Iſa. 44. 3, 4, 5.

O pour thy Spirit upon our Seed, thy Bleſſing upon our Offspring, that they may ſpring up as Willows by the Water-courſes, and may come to *ſubſcribe with their own Hands unto the Lord*, and *to ſirname themſelves by the Name of* Iſrael.

14. Upon occaſion of a Funeral.

Lord, give us to find it good for us to *go to the Houſe of Mourning*, that we may be minded thereby of *the End of all Men*, and may *lay it to our Heart*, and may be ſo wiſe as to *conſider our latter End*; for we alſo muſt be *gather'd to our People*, as our Neighbours and *Brethren are gather'd*: And tho' whither thoſe that are dead in Chriſt are gone *we cannot follow them now*, yet grant that we may *follow them afterwards, every one in his own Order.* Eccl. 7. 2. Deut. 32. 29. Num. 27. 13. John 13. 36. 1 Cor. 15. 23.

We know that thou wilt bring us to Death, and to the Houſe appointed for all living; but let us *not ſee Death, till* by Faith *we have ſeen the Lord Chriſt*, and then let us *depart in Peace according to thy Word*; And when the *earthly Houſe of this Tabernacle ſhall be diſſolved, let us have a Building of God, a Houſe not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens.* Job 30. 23. Luke 2. 26, 29. 2 Cor. 5. 1.

And give us to *know that our Redeemer liveth*, and *that tho' after our Skins, Worms deſtroy theſe Bodies, yet in our Fleſh we ſhall ſee God*; Job 19. 25, 26.

whom

whom we ſhall ſee for our ſelves, and our Eyes ſhall behold, and not another.

15. Upon occaſion of a Marriage.

1 Cor. 7. 39. Give to thoſe that marry to marry *in the Lord*; and let the Lord Jeſus by his Grace John 2. 1. *come to the Marriage*, and *turn the Water into Wine.*

Gen. 2. 18. Make them *Helps meet for each other*, and 1 Cor. 7. 16. inſtrumental to *promote one another's Salvation*, 1 John 4. 16. and give them to *live in* holy *Love*, that they may *dwell in God, and God in them.*

Pſal. 128. 3. Let the Wife be *as a fruitful Vine by the Side* 1 Pet. 3. 7. *of the Houſe*, and the *Husband dwell with the Wife as a Man of Knowledge*; and let them *dwell together as joint Heirs of the Grace of Life, that their Prayers be not hinder'd.* And make Luke 20. 35. us all meet for *that World where they neither marry, nor are given in Marriage.*

16. Upon Occaſion of the ordaining of Miniſters.

2 Tim. 2. 2. Let the *things* of God be *committed to faithful Men, who may be able alſo to teach others*, John 5. 35. and make them ſuch *burning and ſhining Lights*, as that it may appear it was *Chriſt Jeſus* who 2 Tim. 1. 13. *put them into the Miniſtry*; and let not *Hands* ——5. 22. be *ſuddenly laid on any.*

Col. 4. 17. Give to thoſe who are ordain'd to *take heed to the Miniſtry which they have received of the* 2 Tim. 4. 5. *Lord, that they fulfil it*, and to *make full Proof* of it by *watching in all things.*

Luke 24. 47, 49. Let thoſe who *in Chriſt's Name* are to *preach Repentance and Remiſſion of Sins*, be *en-*1 Sam. 10. 9. *dued with Power from on high*, give them *another Spirit*, and make them *good Miniſters of* 1 Tim. 4. 6. *Jeſus Chriſt, nouriſhed up in the Words of Faith and good Doctrine.*

17. Upon occaſion of the Want of Rain.

Thou

Thou haſt *with-holden the Rain from us, and caus'd it to rain upon one City and not upon another, yet have we not returned unto thee.* Amos 4. 7.

But thou haſt ſaid, *when Heaven is ſhut up that there is no Rain, becauſe we have ſinned againſt thee, if we confeſs thy Name, and turn from our Sins, thou wilt hear from Heaven, and forgive our Sin, and give Rain upon our Land.* 1 Kings 8. 35, 36.

We *ask of thee the former and latter Rain*, and depend upon thee for it; for *there are not any of the Vanities of the Heathen that can give Rain, nor can the Heavens give Showers; but we wait on thee, for thou haſt made all theſe things.* Zech. 10. 1. Jer. 14. 22.

18. Upon occaſion of exceſſive Rain.

Let the *Rain* thou ſendeſt be *in mercy to our Land*, and *not for Correction*; not *a ſweeping Rain, which needeth no Food.* Job 37. 13. Prov. 28. 3.

Thou haſt *ſworn that the Waters of* Noah *ſhall no more return to cover the Earth*; Let *fair Weather* therefore *come out of the North, for with thee is terrible Majeſty.* Iſa. 54. 9. Job 37. 22.

19. Upon occaſion of infectious Diſeaſes.

Take Sickneſs away from the midſt of us, and deliver us *from the noiſome Peſtilence.* Exod. 23. 25. Pſal. 91. 3.

Appoint the deſtroying Angel to *put up his Sword into the Sheath*, and to *ſtay his Hand.* 2 Sam. 24. 16.

20. Upon Occaſion of Fire.

Thou *calleſt to contend by Fire*, we *bewail the Burning which the Lord hath kindled: O Lord God, ceaſe, we beſeech thee*, and let the *Fire* be *quench'd*, as that *kindled in Iſrael* was at the Prayer of *Moſes.* Amos 7. 5. Lev. 10. 6. Amos 7. 6. Numb. 11. 2.

21. Upon occaſion of great Storms.

Lord, thou haſt *the Winds in thy hands*, and *bringeſt them out of thy Treaſures*, even *ſtormy Winds fulfil thy Word*: O preſerve us and our Habitations, that we be not buried in the Prov. 30. 4. Pſal. 135. 7. —148. 8.

Job 1. 19. Ruins of them, as *Job*'s Children were.

22. Upon Occaſion of the Cares, and Burthens, and Afflictions of particular Perſons: As,

1. When we pray with or for thoſe that are troubled in Mind, and melancholy, and under Doubts and Fears about their ſpiritual State.

Iſa. 50. 10. Lord, enable thoſe that *fear thee*, and *obey the Voice of thy Servant*, but *walk in Darkneſs, and have no Light, to truſt in the Name of the Lord*, and to *ſtay themſelves upon their God*;

Zech. 14. 7. And *at Evening time let it be Light.*

Iſa. 35. 3, 4. O *ſtrengthen the weak Hands, confirm the feeble Knees, ſay to them that are of a fearful*

Zech. 1. 13. *Heart, Be ſtrong, fear not: Anſwer them with good Words, and comfortable Words*, ſaying un-

Mat. 9. 2. to them, *Be of good cheer, your Sins are for-*

Mar. 6. 50. *given you*; *Be of good cheer, it is I*; *be not a-*

Pſal. 35. 3. *fraid, I am your Salvation*; And *make them*

—51. 8. *to hear this Voice of Joy and Gladneſs, that broken Bones may rejoice.*

Pſal. 77. 2, 3. Let thoſe who now *remember God, and are troubled*, whoſe *Spirits are overwhelmed*, and

—13. 15. whoſe *Souls refuſe to be comforted*, be enabled to *truſt in thy Mercy*, ſo that at length *they*

Job 13. 5. *may rejoice in thy Salvation*; *tho' thou ſlay them yet to truſt in thee.*

Pſal. 42. 7, 8, 11. Tho' *Deep calls unto deep*, and *all thy Waves and thy Billows go over them*; yet *do thou command thy Loving-kindneſs for them in the Day-time, and in the Night let thy Song be with them*, and *their Prayer to the God of their Life*; Tho' their *Souls are caſt down, and diſquieted within them*, give them to *hope in God, that they ſhall yet praiſe him*, and let them find him *the Health of their Countenance and their God.*

O *renew a right Spirit within them, caſt them not away from thy Preſence,* and *take not thy holy Spirit from them,* but *reſtore unto them the Joy of thy Salvation,* and *uphold them with thy free Spirit,* that *their Tongues may ſing aloud of thy Righteouſneſs, and ſhew forth thy Salvation.* Pſal. 51. 10, 11, 12, 14. --- 71. 15.

O *bring them up out of this horrible Pit, and this miry Clay,* and *ſet their Feet upon a Rock, eſtabliſhing their goings,* and *put a new Song into their Mouth, even Praiſes to our God: O comfort them again now after the Time that thou haſt afflicted them.* Pſal. 40. 2, 3. --- 90. 15.

Tho' *for a ſmall Moment thou haſt forſaken them,* and *hid thy Face from them,* yet *gather them,* and *have Mercy on them with everlaſting Kindneſs.* Iſa. 54. 7, 8.

O let *thy Spirit witneſs with their Spirits, that they are the Children of God; and* by the *Blood of Chriſt let them be purged from an evil Conſcience.* Rom. 8. 16. Heb. 10. 22.

Lord, rebuke the Tempter, even *the Accuſer of the Brethren,* the *Lord that hath choſen* Jeruſalem *rebuke him,* and let poor tempted troubled Souls be *as Brands pluck'd out of the Burning.*

2. Thoſe that are under Convictions of Sin, and begin to be concern'd about their Souls, and their Salvation, and to enquire after Chriſt.

Thoſe that are *asking the Way to* Zion *with their Faces thitherward,* that are *lamenting after the Lord,* and are *prick'd to the Heart for Sin,* O *ſhew them the good and the right Way,* and lead them in it. Jer. 50. 5. 1 Sam. 7. 2. Acts 2. 37. 1 Sam. 12. 23.

To thoſe who are *asking what they ſhall do to inherit eternal Life,* diſcover Chriſt as *the Way, the Truth and the Life,* the only true and living Way. Mat. 19. 16. John. 14. 6.

Mat. 12. 20. O do not *quench the ſmoaking Flax, nor break the bruiſed Reed,* but *bring forth Judgment unto Victory.* Let the great Shepherd of the Iſa. 40. 11. Sheep *gather the Lambs in his Arms, and carry them in his Boſom, and gently lead them,* and Mar. 9. 24. *help them againſt their Unbelief.*

Rev. 12. 4, 5. Let not the *Red Dragon devour the Man Child as ſoon as it is born,* but let it be *caught up to God and to his Throne.*

3. When we pray with or for thoſe that are ſick and weak, and diſtemper'd in Body; that thoſe who are ſick and in Sin may be convinced, thoſe who are ſick and in Chriſt comforted.

Jam. 5. 14, 15. Lord, thou haſt appointed *thoſe that are ſick* to be *pray'd for,* and pray'd with, and haſt promis'd that *the Prayer of Faith ſhall ſave the Sick*; Lord, help us to pray *in Faith* for the Sick, and *as being our ſelves alſo in the Body.*

Mat. 4. 23, 24. When our Lord Jeſus was here upon Earth, we find that they *brought to him all ſick People that were taken with divers Diſeaſes and Torments, and he healed all manner of Sickneſs and all manner of Diſeaſe among the People:* And he hath ſtill the ſame Power over bodily Diſeaſes —8. 8, 9. that ever he had; he ſaith to them, *Go, and they go; Come, and they come; Do this, and they do it*; and can *ſpeak the Word, and they ſhall be healed.* And he is ſtill *touched with the* Heb. 4. 15. *feeling of our Infirmities*; In the Belief of this we do by Prayer *bring* our Friends *that are* Luke 5. 18. *ſick,* and *lay them before him.*

Lord, grant that thoſe who are ſick may Heb. 12. 5. *neither deſpiſe the chaſt'ning of the Lord, nor faint when they are rebuked of him*; but that they Mic. 6. 9. may both *hear the Rod, and him that has ap-*

pointed it, and may kiſs the Rod, and *accept of the Puniſhment of their Iniquity*. Lev. 26. 41.

Give them to ſee that *Affliction cometh not forth out of the Duſt, nor ſprings out of the Ground*, that they may therefore *ſeek unto God*, to *the Lord more than to the Phyſicians*, becauſe *unto God the Lord belong the Iſſues of* Life and *Death*. Job 5. 6, 8. 2 Chr. 16. 12. Pſal. 68. 20.

Lord, *ſhew them wherefore thou contendeſt with them*, and give them *in their Affliction to humble themſelves greatly before the God of their Fathers*, and to repent and *turn from every evil Way*, and *make their Ways and their Doings good*, that being *judg'd and chaſtned of the Lord*, they *may not be condemned with the World*. By the Sickneſs of the Body, and the *Sadneſs of the Countenance* let *the Heart* be *made better*. Job 10. 2. 2 Chr. 33. 12. Jer. 18. 11. 1 Cor. 11. 32. Eccl. 7. 3.

O Lord, rebuke them not in thine Anger, neither chaſten them in thy hot Diſpleaſure: Have Mercy upon them, O Lord, for they are weak: Lord heal them, for their Bones are vexed, their Souls alſo are ſore vexed: Return, O Lord, and deliver their Souls, ſave them for thy Mercy's ſake; and lay *no more* upon them than thou wilt *enable them to bear*, and *enable them to bear* what thou *doſt lay upon them*. Pſal. 6. 1, 2, 3, 4. 1 Cor. 10. 13.

When thou with Rebukes doſt chaſten Man for Sin, thou makeſt his Beauty to conſume away like a Moth; ſurely every Man is Vanity. But *remove thy Stroke*, we pray thee, *from thoſe that are even conſumed by the Blow of thine Hand: O ſpare a little, that they may recover Strength before they go hence and be no more*. Pſal. 39. 10, 11, 13.

Thoſe that are *chaſten'd with Pain upon their Bed*, and *the Multitude of their Bones with ſtrong Pain, ſo that their Life abhorreth Bread, and their Soul dainty Meat, ſhew them thine* Job 33. 19, 20, 23, 24.

Uprightneſs, be gracious to them. Deliver them from going down to the Pit, for thou haſt found a Ranſom.

Deut. 33. 27. Let *the Eternal God be their Refuge*, and *underneath* them *be the everlaſting Arms*; *Conſider*
Pſal. 103. 14. *their Frame, remember that they are but Duſt.*
Pſal. 41. 1, 2, 3, 4. O *deliver thoſe that are thine in the Time of Trouble, preſerve them and keep them alive: O ſtrengthen them upon their Bed of languiſhing, and make all their Bed in their Sickneſs: Be merciful to them, and heal their Souls, for they have ſinned.*

Pſal. 25. 16, 17, 18. O *turn to them and have Mercy upon them, bring them out of their Diſtreſſes; look upon their Affliction and their Pain, but eſpecially forgive all their Sin.*

--- 31. 16. *Make thy Face to ſhine upon them, ſave them for thy Mercy's ſake:* The *God that comforteth*
2 Cor. 7. 6. *them that are caſt down*, comfort them; and
Pſal. 25. 13. *let the Soul dwell at eaſe in thee*, when the Body lies in Pain.

(If it be the Beginning of a Diſtemper)
Job 38. 11. Lord, *ſet bounds* to this Sickneſs, and ſay, *Hitherto it ſhall come, and no further:* Let it not
Iſa. 27. 8, 9. prevail to Extremity, but *in meaſure when it ſhooteth forth do thou debate, and ſtay thy rough Wind in the Day of thine Eaſt Wind*; and *by this let Iniquity be purged, and let this be all the Fruit, even the taking away of Sin.*

Jam. 1. 4. (If it have continued long) Lord, *let Patience have its perfect Work*, even unto long-ſuffering, that thoſe who have been long in
Lam. 3. 26. the Furnace may continue *hoping and quietly waiting for the Salvation of the Lord:* Let *Tri-*
Rom. 5. 3, 4. *bulation work Patience, and Patience Experience*, and *Experience a Hope that maketh not aſhamed*, and enable them to call even this Affliction

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light and but for a Moment, ſeeing it is to *work for them a far more exceeding and eternal Weight of Glory.* 2 Cor. 4. 17.

(If there be Hopes of Recovery) Lord, *when thou haſt tried them let them come forth like Gold*; *Let their Souls live, and they ſhall praiſe thee, let thy Judgments help them: O deal bountifully with them that they may live, and keep thy Word. In love to their Souls deliver them from the Pit of Corruption, and caſt all their Sins behind thy Back. Recover them, and make them to live. Speak the word, and they ſhall be healed*; *ſay unto them, Live*, yea, *ſay unto them, Live, and the time ſhall be a time of Love. Father, if it be poſſible, let the Cup paſs away*; however *not as we will, but as thou wilt: The Will of the Lord be done. Perfect that which concerns them*; *thy Mercy, O Lord, endures for ever, forſake not the Work of thine own Hands*; but *whether they live or die, let them be the Lord's.* Job 23. 10. Pſal. 119. 175, 17. Iſa. 38. 16, 17. Mat. 8. 8. Ezek. 16. 6, 8. Mat. 26. 39. Pſal. 138. 8. Rom. 14. 8.

(If they be in Appearance at the Point of Death.)

Now *the Fleſh and the Heart* are *failing*, Lord, be *thou the Strength of the Heart*, and an *everlaſting Portion: In the Valley of the Shadow of Death*, Lord, be thou preſent, as the good Shepherd with a guiding *Rod*, and a ſupporting *Staff*. O do not *fail them nor forſake them* now. *Be a very preſent Help: Into thy hands we commit* the departing *Spirit*, *as into the Hands of a faithful Creator*, by the Hands of him *who has redeemed it*. Let it be *carried by the Angels into* Abraham's *Boſom*. Let it be *preſented to thee without Spot, or Wrinkle, or any ſuch thing. Lord Jeſus, receive this precious Soul*, let it come *to the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect*; when it is *abſent from the Body, let it* Pſal. 73. 26. --- 23. 4. Heb. 13. 5. Pſal. 46. 1. --- 31. 5. 1 Pet. 4. *ult.* Luke 16. 22. Eph. 5. 27. Acts 7. 59. Heb. 12. 23. 2 Cor. 5. 8.

Luke 23. 43. *be preſent with the Lord! This Day* let it be
--- 16. 25. *with thee in Paradiſe.* Now let it be *for ever*
Rom. 6. 7. *comforted*, and *perfectly freed from Sin*; and
Job 21. 33. prepare us to *draw after*, as *there are innume-*
1 Theſſ. 4. *ult.* *rable* before, that we may be *together for ever*
Rev. 21. 4. *with the Lord*, there where *there ſhall be no more Death*, and where *all Tears ſhall be wiped away.*

4. When we pray with or for thoſe that are deprived of the Uſe of their Reaſon.

O look with pity upon thoſe that are
Luke 21. 19. *put out of the Poſſeſſion of their own Souls*, whoſe
Job 27. 2. *Judgment is taken away, ſo that their Soul chu-*
---7. 15. *ſeth Strangling and Death rather than Life: O*
Luke 15. 17. reſtore them *to themſelves* and *their right Mind.*
Mar. 5. 15. Deliver them from *doing themſelves any Harm:*
Acts 16. 28. And whatever Afflictions thou layeſt upon any of us in this World, preſerve to us the Uſe of our Reaſon, and the Peace of our Conſciences.

5. When we pray with or for ſick Children.

Rom. 5. 14. Lord, we ſee *Death reigning even over them that have not ſinned after the ſimilitude of* Adam's
2 Tim. 1. 10. *Tranſgreſſion*; but Jeſus Chriſt *hath aboliſhed*
Mat. 18. 3. *Death*, and admitted even *little Children into the Kingdom of God.* O let ſick Children be
Pſal. 103. 13. *pitied* by thee, as they are by *their* earthly
Job 14. 2, 6. *Parents.* They are *come forth like Flowers*, O let them not be *cut down* again: *Turn from them, that they may reſt till they ſhall have accompliſh'd as a Hireling their Day.* Be *gracious*
2 Sam 12. 22. *to us, and let the Children live.* However,
Acts 21. 14. Father, *thy Will be done.* O let *their Spirits*
1 Cor. 5. 5. *be ſav'd in the Day of the Lord Jeſus.*

6. When we pray with or for Families where Death is, eſpecially ſuch as have loſt their Head,

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Viſit the Houſes of Mourning, as our Saviour did, and comfort them, by aſſuring them that *Chriſt is the Reſurrection and the Life*, that their Relations which are removed from them, *are not dead, but ſleep*; and that they *ſhall riſe again*, that they *may not ſorrow as thoſe that have no Hope:* And enable them to *truſt in the living God*, the *Rock of Ages*, and enjoy the *Fountain of living Waters*, when Creatures prove *broken Reeds* and *broken Ciſterns*.

John 11. 25, 23. Mat. 9. 24. 1 Theſſ. 4. 13. 1 Tim. 6. 17. Pſal. 146. 4, 5. Jer. 2. 13.

Be a *Father to the Fatherleſs*, and a *Huſband to the Widows, O God, in thy holy Habitation.* With thee let *the Fatherleſs find Mercy, keep them alive*, and let *the Widows truſt in thee*, that they may be *Widows indeed*, who *being deſolate, truſt in God, and continue* inſtant *in Prayer Night and Day.* And where *Father and Mother have forſaken*, let the Lord take up the Children, and not leave them Orphans, but come to them.

Pſal. 68. 5. Hoſ. 14. 3. Jer. 49. 11. 1 Tim. 5. 5. Pſal. 27. 10. John 14. 18.

7. When we pray with or for thoſe Women that are near the time of Travel, or in Travel.

Lord thou haſt paſt this Sentence upon the Woman that was *firſt in the Tranſgreſſion*, that in Sorrow *ſhe ſhall bring forth Children.* But let this Handmaid of thine *be ſaved in Childbearing, and continue in Faith, and Charity, and Holineſs, with Sobriety.* Enable her to *caſt her Burthen upon the Lord*, and let the *Lord ſuſtain her*; and *what time ſhe is afraid*, grant that ſhe *may truſt in thee*, and may *encourage her ſelf in the Lord her God.* O let not *the Root be dried up from beneath*, nor let *the Branch* be *withered or cut off*; but let both live before thee. *Be thou her ſtrong Habitation, her Rock, and her Fortreſs, give Commandment*

1 Tim. 2. 14. Gen. 3. 16. 1 Tim. 2. *ult.* Pſ. 55. 22. — 56. 3. 1 Sam. 30. 6. Job 18. 16. Pſal. 71. 3.

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1 Theſſ. 5. 3. *to ſave her.* And *when Travel comes upon her, which ſhe cannot eſcape,* be *pleas'd, O Lord, to deliver her: O Lord make haſte to help her:* Pſal. 40. 13, 17. Be thou *thy ſelf her Help and Deliverer, make no tarrying, O our God:* Let her be ſafely deliver'd, and John 16. 21. *remember the Anguiſh no more,* for *joy that a Child is born into the World, is born unto thee.*

8. When we pray with or for thoſe that are recovered from Sickneſs, or are delivered in Child-bearing, and deſire to return Thanks unto God for his Mercy.

Pſal. 30. 1, 7. *We will extol thee, O Lord,* upon the account of thoſe whom *thou haſt lifted up, whoſe Souls thou haſt brought up from the Grave,* and *kept them alive, that they ſhould not go down to* —116. 6, 8, 9, 17, 18. *the Pit.* Thoſe that were *brought low thou haſt helped, haſt deliver'd their Souls from Death, their Eyes from Tears, and their Feet from falling.* Now give them Grace to *walk before thee in the Land of the Living,* to *offer to thee the Sacrifice of Thankſgiving, to call upon thy Name,* and to *pay their Vows unto the Lord.*

Iſa. 38. 18, 19. *The Grave cannot* thus *praiſe thee, Death cannot celebrate thee, they that go down to the Pit cannot hope for thy Truth*; but *the Living, the Living they ſhall praiſe thee, as we do this day.* Lord, grant that thoſe who are deliver'd Luke 17. 18. from Death may not be as the *nine Lepers,* 2 Chr. 32. 25. who *did not return to give Thanks,* or as *Hezekiah,* who *render'd not again according to the* Pſal. 30. 23. *Benefit done unto him,* but that they may ſo *offer Praiſe, as to glorify thee,* and ſo *order their* —118. 18, 21. *Converſation,* as to *ſee the Salvation of God.*

Thoſe whom *the Lord hath chaſten'd ſore,* yet he *has not deliver'd over unto Death:* O that they may therefore *praiſe him,* who is *become their Salvation.*

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9. When we pray with or for thoſe Parents, whoſe Children are a Grief to them, or ſuch as they are in fear about.

Lord, give to Parents the Deſire of their Souls concerning *their Children*, which is *to ſee them walking in the Truth, form Chriſt in their Souls.* O give them betimes *to know the God of their Fathers*, and *to ſerve him with a perfect Heart and a willing Mind.* Let *Children of the Youth*, that are as *Arrows in the Hand*, be directed aright, that thoſe Parents may have Reaſon to think themſelves *happy, that have their Quiver full of them*, and they may never be *Arrows in the Heart.*

2 John 4. Gal. 4. 19. 1 Chr. 28. 9. Pſal. 127. 4, 5.

Let thoſe *fooliſh Children*, that are *the Grief of the Father*, and *the Heavineſs of her that bare them*, that *mock at* their Parents, and *deſpiſe to obey* them, be brought to Repentance; and let thoſe that *have been unprofitable* now at length be made *profitable. O turn the Hearts of the Children to the Fathers*, even *the Diſobedient to the Wiſdom of the Juſt*, that they may be *made ready a People prepared for the Lord.* O *ſhew them their Work*, and *their Tranſgreſſion*, that *they have exceeded*, and *open their Ear to Diſcipline.*

Prov. 17. 25. — 30. 17. Philem. 11. Mal. 4. 6. Luke 1. 17. Job 36. 9, 10. Iſa. 29. 23, 24.

10. When we pray with or for thoſe that are in Priſon.

Thoſe that *ſit in Darkneſs and in the Shadow of Death, being bound in Affliction and Iron*, becauſe *they rebelled againſt the Words of God*, and *contemned the Counſel of the Moſt High*, give them Grace to *cry unto thee in their Trouble*, and *in a Day of Adverſity to conſider.*

Pſal. 107. 10, 11, 13. Eccl. 7. 14.

In *their Captivity* give them to *bethink themſelves*, to *humble themſelves*, and *pray, and ſeek thy Face*, to *repent, ſaying, we have*

1 Kings 8. 41, 42.

have ſinned, and have done perverſly, and to *return unto thee with all their Heart, and with*
Pſal. 142. 7. *all their Soul*; and thus *bring their Souls out of Priſon, that they may praiſe thy Name:* Bring them *into the glorious Liberty of the Children of*
Rom. 8. 21. *God, out of the Bondage of Corruption.* Let
John 8. 36. *the Son make them free, and then they ſhall be free indeed.*

Thoſe that are wrongfully impriſon'd, *be*
Gen. 39. 21. *thou with them,* as thou waſt *with* Joſeph *in the Priſon,* and *ſhew them Mercy. Hear the*
Pſal. 69. 33. *Poor,* and *deſpiſe not thy Priſoners,* but *let their ſorrowful ſighing come before thee,* and *according to the Greatneſs of thy Power preſerve thoſe that are* unjuſtly *appointed to die.*

11. When we pray with or for condemn'd Malefactors, that have but a little while to live.

Job 21. 21. O look with pity upon thoſe, *the Number of whoſe Months is to be cut off in the midſt* for
2 Cor. 7. 10. their Sin: O give them *Repentance unto Salvation,* as thou didſt to the Thief upon the
Neh. 9. 33. Croſs, that they may own the *Juſtice of God in all that is brought upon them,* that *he has done right,* but they have *done wickedly.* O *turn them, and they ſhall be turned,* that being *in-*
Jer. 31. 18, 19. *ſtructed* they may *ſmite upon the Thigh, and may be aſhamed, yea even confounded, becauſe they do bear the Reproach* of their own Iniquity.
Jude 23. O pluck them as *Brands out of the Fire*; let
1 Theſſ. 1. 10. them be *deliver'd from the Wrath to come.*

Joſ. 7. 19. Enable them to *give Glory to God by making*
Prov. 28. 14. *Confeſſion,* that they may *find Mercy,* and that
Deut. 17. 13. others may *hear and fear,* and *do no more preſumptuouſly.*

Luke 23. 42. *Lord Jeſus, remember them now thou art in*
Rev. 2. 11. *thy Kingdom:* O let them not be *hurt of the*

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ſecond Death: Deliver them from going down to that Pit! Tho' the Fleſh be deſtroy'd, O let the Spirit be ſav'd in the Day of the Lord Jeſus. Job 33. 24. 1 Cor. 5. 5.

The *God* of infinite Mercy *be merciful to theſe Sinners*, theſe Sinners againſt their own Souls. Luke 18. 13. Numb. 16. 38.

12. When we pray with or for thoſe that are at Sea.

Let thoſe that *go down to the Sea in Ships, that do Buſineſs in great Waters*, obſerve *the Works of the Lord* there, and *his Wonders in the Deep*; And acknowledge what a *great God he is whom the Winds and the Seas obey*; who hath *placed the Sand for the Bound of the Sea, by a perpetual Decree, that it cannot paſs it; and tho' the Waves thereof toſs themſelves, yet can they not prevail; tho' they roar, yet can they not paſs over.* Pſal. 107. 23, 24. Mat. 8. 27. Jer. 5. 22.

O preſerve them *through the Paths of the Seas*, and *in Perils by Waters*, and *Perils by Robbers*. If the *ſtormy Wind* be rais'd, which *lifteth up the Waves*, ſo that they *are at their wits end, deliver them out of their Diſtreſſes, make the Storm a Calm*, and *bring them to their deſired Haven:* And *O that* thoſe who are deliver'd *may praiſe the Lord for his Goodneſs*, and *for his wonderful Works to the Children of Men.* Pſal. 8. 8. 2 Cor. 11. 26. Pſal. 107. 25, 27, 28, 29, 30.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Concluſion of our Prayers.

WE are commanded to pray always, to pray without ceaſing, to continue in Prayer, becauſe we muſt always have in us a Diſpoſition to this Duty, muſt be conſtant to it, and never grow weary of it, or

or throw it up; and yet we cannot be always praying, we muſt come down from this Mount; nor may we be over-long, ſo as to make the Duty a Task or a Toil to ourſelves, or thoſe that join with us. We have other Work that calls for our Attendance. *Jacob* wreſtles with the Angel; but he muſt go, for the Day breaks: We muſt therefore think of concluding. The Prayers of *David* the Son of *Jeſſe* muſt be ended. But how ſhall we conclude, ſo as to have the Impreſſions of the Duty *kept always in the Imagination of the Thought of our Heart?*

1. We may then ſum up our Requeſts in ſome comprehenſive Petitions, as the Concluſion of the whole matter.

Heb. 13. 20. *Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the Dead our Lord Jeſus, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the Blood of the everlaſting Covenant, make us perfect in every good Work to do his Will, working in us that which is well-pleaſing in his ſight, through Chriſt Jeſus.*

2 Theſſ. 3. 5. Now *the Lord direct our Hearts into the Love of God, and into a patient Waiting for Chriſt.*

1 Pet. 5. 10. And *the God of all Grace, who hath called us to his eternal Glory by Chriſt Jeſus, after that we have ſuffer'd a while, make us perfect, ſtabliſh, ſtrengthen, ſettle us.*

Pſal. 39. 7. And *now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly*
Gen. 17. 1. *our Hope is even in thee,* and on thee do we depend to be to us a *God All-ſufficient.*

Eph. 3. 20. Do for us *exceeding abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, according to the Power that worketh in us:* And *ſupply all our Needs*
Phil. 4. 19. *according to thy Riches in Glory by Chriſt Jeſus.*

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2. We may then beg for the Audience and Acceptance of our poor weak Prayers, for Chriſt's ſake.

Now *the God of* Iſrael *grant us the things we have requeſted of him.* 1 Sam. 1. 17.

Let the Words of our Mouths and the Meditations of our Hearts be acceptable in thy ſight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Pſal. 19. 14.

Let thine Eyes be open unto the Supplication of thy Servants, and unto the Supplication of thy People Iſrael, *to hearken unto them in all that they call unto thee for; for they be thy People and thine Inheritance.* 1 Kings 8. 51, 52.

O our God, let thine Ears be attent unto the Prayers that we have made: O turn not away the Face of thine anointed; remember the Mercies of David *thy Servant*; even Jeſus, who *is at thy Right Hand making Interceſſion for us.* 2 Chr. 6. 40, 42.

Lord, thou haſt aſſured us, that *whatever we ask the Father in Chriſt's Name, he will give it us:* We ask all theſe things in *that Name,* that powerful Name which *is above every Name,* that precious Name which is *as Ointment poured forth. O make thy Face to ſhine upon us for the Lord's ſake, who is the Son of thy Love,* and *whom thou heareſt always:* Good Lord, give to us to *hear him,* and be *well pleaſed with us in him.* John 16. 23. Phil. 2. 9. Cant. 1. 3. Dan. 9. 17. Col. 1. 13. John 11. 42. Mat. 17. 5.

3. We may then beg for the Forgiveneſs of what has been amiſs in our Prayers.

Lord, we have *not pray'd as we ought; who is there that doeth good, and ſins not?* Even when we *would do Good Evil is preſent with us*; and if *to will be preſent, yet how to perform that which is good we know not,* for *the Good that we would we do not*; ſo that thou might'ſt juſtly *refuſe to hear even when we make many* Rom. 8. 26. Eccl. 7. 20. Rom. 7. 18, 19. Iſa. 1. 15.

Pray-

Exod. 28. 38. *Prayers.* But we have a *great High Prieſt*, who *bears the Iniquity of the Holy Things*, which *the Children of* Iſrael *hallow in all their holy*
Hoſ. 14. 2. *Gifts*; for his ſake *take away all* that *Iniquity* from us, even all the *Iniquity of our Holy Things*, and *receive us graciouſly*, and *love us*
Job 42. 8. *freely*; And *deal not with us after our Folly.*

4. We may then recommend our ſelves to the Conduct, Protection and Government of the Divine Grace, in the further Services that lie before us, and in the whole Courſe of our Converſation.

Pſal. 84. 6, 7. And now let us be enabled to *go from Strength to Strength, uutil we appear before God in* Zion, and while we *paſs thro' this Valley of* Baca, let it *be made a Well*, and *let the Rain of* the Divine Grace and Bleſſing *fill the Pools.*

1 Sam. 3. 9. Now, *ſpeak, Lord, for thy Servants hear.*
Joſh. 5. 14. *What ſaith our Lord unto his Servants?* Grant
Prov. 28. 9. that we *may not turn away our Ear from hearing the Law:* for then *our Prayers will be an A-*
Judg. 9. 7. *bomination*; but may *hearken unto God, that he may hearken unto us.*

1 Kings 8. 57, 58, 61. And now *the Lord our God be with us, as he was with our Fathers*; *let him not leave us nor forſake us*; *That he may incline our Hearts unto him, to walk in all his Ways, and to keep his Commandments, and his Statutes, and his Judgments*; *And let our Hearts be perfect with the Lord our God* all our Days, and continue ſo *till the End be*, that *then we may reſt*, and *may*
Dan. 12. 13. *ſtand in our Lot*, and let it be a bleſſed Lot *in the End of the Days.*

5. We may conclude all with Doxologies, or ſolemn Praiſes of God, aſcribing Honour and Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Holy Ghoſt, and ſealing up all our Praiſes and Prayers with an affectionate *Amen.*

Now *bleſſed be the Lord God of* Iſrael, *from everlaſting to everlaſting,* Amen *and* Amen. Pſal. 41. 13.

For ever *bleſſed be the Lord God, the God of* Iſrael, *who only doth wondrous things, and bleſſed be his glorious Name for ever,* and *let the whole Earth be filled with his Glory. Amen and Amen.* Yea, *let all the People ſay, Amen. Hallelujah.* ——72. 18, 19. ——106. 48.

To God only wiſe be Glory through Jeſus Chriſt for ever, Amen. Rom. 16. 27.

Now *to God the Father, and our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who gave himſelf for our Sins, that he might deliver us from this preſent evil World, according to the Will of God and our Father, be Glory for ever and ever, Amen.* Gal. 1. 3, 4, 5.

To God be Glory in the Church by Chriſt Jeſus, thro'out all Ages, World without end, Amen. Eph. 3. 21.

Now *to the King eternal, immortal, inviſible, the only wiſe God, be Honour and Glory for ever and ever, Amen: To him be Honour and Power everlaſting, to him be Glory and Dominion, Amen.* 1 Tim. 1. 17. —6. 16. 1 Pet. 5. 11.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs before the Preſence of his Glory with exceeding Joy, to the only wiſe God our Saviour, be Glory and Majeſty, Dominion and Power, now and ever, Amen. Jude 24, 25.

Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory, and Honour, and Power unto the Lord our God, Amen. Hallelujah. Rev. 19. 1, 4.

And now, we *proſtrate* our Souls *before the Throne, and worſhip God,* ſaying, *Amen, Bleſſing, and Glory, and Wiſdom, and Thankſgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever, Amen.* —7. 11, 12.

Rev. 5. 13. *Bleſſing, and Honour, and Glory, and Power, be unto him that ſitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever*; And let the whole Creation ſay, *Amen, Amen.*

6. It is very proper to ſum up our Prayers in that Form of Prayer which Chriſt taught his Diſciples.

Mat. 6. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. *Our Father which art in Heaven*; *Hallowed be thy Name*; *Thy Kingdom come*; *thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven*; *Give us this Day our daily Bread*; *and forgive us our Treſpaſſes as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us*; *And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil*; *For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever, Amen.*

CHAP. VIII.

A Paraphraſe on the Lord's Prayer, in Scripture Expreſſions.

THE Lord's Prayer being intended not only for a Form of Prayer itſelf, but a Rule of Direction, a Plan or Model in little, by which we may frame our Prayers; and the Expreſſions being remarkably conciſe, and yet vaſtly comprehenſive, it will be of good uſe ſometimes to lay it before us, and obſerving the Method and Order of it, to dilate upon the ſeveral Paſſages and Petitions of it, that when we uſe it only as a Form, we may uſe it the more intelligently; of which we ſhall only here give a Specimen in the Aſſiſtance we may have from ſome other Scriptures.

[OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN.]

O Lord our God, *doubtleſs thou art our Father, tho'* Abraham *be ignorant of us, and* Iſrael *acknowledge us not; thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer, thy Name is from everlaſting*; And we will *from this time cry unto thee, Our Father, thou art the Guide of our Youth.* Iſa. 63. 16. Jer. 3. 4.

Have we not all one Father, has not one God created us? Thou art the *Father of our Spirits,* to whom we ought *to be in ſubjection and live.* Mal. 2. 10. Heb. 12. 9.

Thou art *the Father of Lights,* and *the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Conſolation: The Eternal Father, of whom,* and *through whom,* and *to whom are all things.* Jam. 1. 17. 2 Cor. 1. 3. Iſa. 9. 6. Rom. 11. 36.

Thou art *the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt,* whoſe *Glory* was that of *the only begotten of the Father,* who *is in his Boſom, by him as one brought up with him, daily his Delight,* and *rejoicing always before him.* Eph. 1. 3. John 1. 14. 18. Prov. 8. 30.

Thou art in Chriſt, *our Father,* and the Father of all Believers, whom *thou haſt predeſtinated to the Adoption of Children,* and *into whoſe Hearts thou haſt ſent the Spirit of the Son, teaching them to cry, Abba, Father. Behold what manner of Love the Father hath beſtowed upon us, that we ſhould be called the Children of God*; That the *Lord God Almighty* ſhould be *to us a Father,* and *we ſhould be to him for Sons and Daughters*; And that *as many as receive Chriſt, to them thou ſhould'ſt give Power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name; which are born not of the Will of Man, but of God,* and his Grace. Eph. 1. 5. Gal. 4 6. 1 John 3. 1. 2 Cor. 6. *ult.* John 1. 12, 13.

O that *we may receive the Adoption of Sons,* and that *as obedient* and genuine *Children we may faſhion ourſelves according to the* Example of him *who hath called us, who is holy*; and Gal. 4. 5. 1 Pet. 1. 14.

Eph. 5. 1. may be *Followers of God as dear Children*, and
Rom. 8. 29. *conform'd to the Image of his Son, who is the Firſt-born among many Brethren.*

Enable us to come to thee with humble
Eph. 3. 12. *Boldneſs and Confidence*, as to a Father, a ten-
Mal. 3. 17. der Father, who *ſpares us as a Man ſpares his Son that ſerves him*; and as having *an Advo-*
1 John 2. 2. *cate with the Father*, who yet has told us,
John 16. 27. that *the Father himſelf loves us.*
Mal. 1. 6. Thou *art a Father*, but *where is thine Ho-*
Heb. 12. 28. *nour?* Lord, *give us Grace to ſerve thee* as becomes Children, *with Reverence and godly Fear.*

Thou art a Father, and if earthly *Pa-*
Luke 11. 13. *rents, being evil, yet know how to give good Gifts unto their Children, how much more ſhall our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that*
Zech. 12. 10. *ask him.* Lord give us *the Spirit of Grace and Supplication.*

We come to thee as Prodigal Children
Luke 15. 13, 17, 18, 19. that have gone *from our Father's Houſe into the far Country*; but *we will ariſe and go to our Father*, for in *his Houſe there is Bread enough and to ſpare*, and if we continue at a Diſtance from him, *we periſh with Hunger. Father, we have ſinned againſt Heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy Children, make us even as thy hired Servants.*

Pſal. 86. 4. Thou art our Father *in Heaven*, and there-
—123. 1, 2. fore *unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls. Unto thee lift we up our Eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens: As the Eyes of a Servant are to the Hand of his Maſter, and the Eyes of a Maiden to the Hand of her Miſtreſs, ſo do our Eyes wait upon thee, O Lord our God*; a God
1 Kings 8. 27. whom *the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain*, and yet whom we may have acceſs to, *having*

ving a High Prieſt that is paſſed into the Hea- Heb. 4. 14.
vens as our *Fore-runner.*

Thou, O God, *dwelleſt in the high and ho-* Iſa. 57. 15.
ly Place, and *holy and reverend is thy Name.* Pſal. 111. 9.
God *is in Heaven, and we* are *upon Earth,* Eccl. 5. 2.
therefore ſhould we *chuſe out Words to reaſon* Job 9. 14.
with him; and yet through a Mediator we
have *Boldneſs to enter into the Holieſt.* Heb. 10. 19.

Look down (we pray thee) *from Heaven,* Iſa. 63. 15.
and behold from the Habitation of thy Holineſs
and of thy Glory, and *have Compaſſion upon us* Mar. 9. 22.
and help us.

Heaven is the *Firmament of thy Power: O* Pſal. 20. 2, 6.
hear us from thy holy Heaven with the ſaving
Strength of thy Right Hand; *ſend us Help from*
the Sanctuary, and ſtrengthen us out of Sion.

And O that ſince *Heaven is our Father's* John 14. 2.
Houſe, we may *have our Converſation* there, Phil. 3. 20.
and may *ſeek the things that are above.* Col. 3. 1.

[HALLOWED BE THY NAME.]

And now *what is our Petition, and what is* Eſth. 5. 6.
our Requeſt? What would we that thou ſhould'ſt Mar. 20. 32.
do for us? This is our Heart's Deſire and Pray- Rom. 10. 1.
er in the firſt place, *Father in Heaven, let thy*
Name be ſanctified. We pray that thou may'ſt
be *glorified* as a *Holy God.* Lev. 10. 3.

We deſire to *exalt the Lord our God, to* Pſal. 99. 3, 5.
worſhip at his Footſtool, at his holy Hill, and *to* 9.
praiſe his great and terrible Name, for it is holy,
for *the Lord our God is holy. Thou art holy, O* —22. 3.
thou that inhabiteſt the Praiſes of Iſrael.

We *glory in thy Holy Name*, and therefore —105. 3.
ſhall *our Hearts rejoice, becauſe we have truſted* —33. 21.
in that *Holy Name of thine, to which* we will
always *give Thanks, and triumph in thy Praiſe.* —106. 47.

Pſalm 86. 12. Lord, enable us to *glorify thy Holy Name for evermore*, by *praiſing thee with all our*
John 15. 8. *Heart*;, and by *bringing forth much Fruit*, for *herein is our* heavenly *Father glorified*. O that
Jer. 13. 11. we may be to our God *for a Name, and for*
1 Pet. 2. 9. *a Praiſe, and for a Glory*, that being *called out of Darkneſs, into his marvelous Light*, to be *to him a peculiar People, we may ſhew forth the Praiſes of him that hath called us.*

Iſa. 29. 23. O that we may be *thy Children, the Work of thy Hands, that we may ſanctify thy Name, and ſanctify the Holy One of* Jacob, *and fear*
Eph. 1. 12. *the God of* Iſrael, and *may be to the Praiſe of his Glory.*

1 Pet. 4. 10, 11, 16. Enable us, *as we have received the Gift, ſo to miniſter the ſame as good Stewards of the manifold Grace of God, that God in all things may be glorified through Jeſus Chriſt*: And if *we ſuffer*, enable us to *ſuffer as Chriſtians, and to*
Phil. 1. 20. *glorify God therein*; for *this is our earneſt Expectation and Hope, that always Jeſus Chriſt may be magnified in our Bodies in Life and Death.*

Lord, enable others to glorify thee, *let*
Iſa. 25. 3. *even the ſtrong People glorify thee, and the City of the terrible Nations fear thee*; but eſpecially
Mal. 1. 5. *let the Lord be magnified from the Border of* Iſra-
Iſa. 24. 15. el. Let them *glorify the Lord in the Fires, even the Lord God of* Iſrael *in the Iſles of the Sea.* O
Pſal. 86. 9, 10. *let all Nations whom thou haſt made come and worſhip before thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name*; *for thou art great, and doſt wondrous things, thou art God alone.*

Rom. 15. 9, 10. *O let the Gentiles glorify God for his Mercy, let his Name be known and confeſſed among the Gentiles*, and *let them rejoice with his People.*
Mal. 1. 11. *O let thy Name be great among the Gentiles*, and

let

let *all the Ends, of the World remember and turn to the Lord, and all the Kindreds of the Nations worſhip before thee*; and let them *declare thy Righteouſneſs to a People that ſhall be born.* Pſal. 22. 27, 31.

Lord, do thou thy ſelf diſpoſe of all things to thy own Glory, both as *King of Nations,* and as *King of Saints:* Do all *according to the Counſel of thy own Will* that thou may'ſt *magnify thy ſelf,* and *ſanctify thy ſelf,* and *may'ſt be known in the Eyes of many Nations, that thou art the Lord. O ſanctify thy Great Name, which has been profan'd among the Heathen,* and *let them know that thou art the Lord, when thou ſhalt be ſanctified in them.* Jer. 10. 7. Rev. 15. 3. Eph. 1. 11. Ezek. 38. 23. —36. 23.

Father, glorify thine own Name: Thou haſt glorified it, glorify it yet again: Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son alſo may glorify thee. O give him a Name above every Name, and in all Places, *in all things let him have the Preheminence.* John 12. 27, 28. —17. 1. Phil. 2. 10. Col. 1. 18.

Lord, *what wilt thou do for thy great Name?* Joſh. 7. 9.
Do this for thy great Name; *Pour out of thy Spirit upon all Fleſh*; and *let the Word of Chriſt dwell richly* in the Hearts of all. Joel 2. 28. Col. 3. 16.
Be thou exalted, O Lord, among the Heathen, be thou exalted in the Earth; *Be thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens, let thy Glory be above all the Earth*; *Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own Strength, ſo will we ſing and praiſe thy Power.* Pſal. 46. 10. —57. 11. —21. 13.
Do great things with *thy glorious and everlaſting Arm, to make unto thy ſelf a glorious and an everlaſting Name.* Iſa. 64. 12, 14.

O let thy Name be magnified for ever, ſaying, The Lord of Hoſts is the God of Iſrael, *even a God to* Iſrael. 1 Cor. 17. 24.

[THY KINGDOM COME.]

In order to the ſanctifying and glorifying of thy holy Name, *Father in Heaven, let thy Kingdom come*, for *thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all: Both Riches and Honour come of thee; thou reigneſt over all, and in thine Hand is Power and Might, in thine Hand it is to make great, and to give Strength unto all.* And we deſire to *ſpeak of the glorious Majeſty of thy Kingdom, for it is an everlaſting Kingdom, and thy Dominion endures throughout all Generations. Thou ruleſt by thy Power for ever, thine Eyes behold the Nations. O let not the Rebellious exalt themſelves*, but *through the Greatneſs of thy Power let thine Enemies ſubmit themſelves unto thee.*

1 Chron. 29. 11, 12.

Pſal. 145. 12, 13.

—66. 7.

—66. 3.

O make it appear that *the Kingdom is thine, and that thou art the Governor among the Nations*, ſo evident, that they may *ſay among the Heathen, the Lord reigneth*; that *all Men may fear*, and *may declare the Work of God*, and *may ſay, Verily he is a God that judgeth in the Earth.* Make all the Kings of the Earth *to know that the Heavens do rule, even that the Moſt High ruleth in the Kingdom of Men, and giveth it to whomſoever he will*, and *to praiſe and extol and honour the King of Heaven, all whoſe Works are Truth, and his Ways Judgment, and thoſe that walk in Pride he is able to abaſe.*

—22. 8.

—96. 10.

—64. 9.

—58. 11.

Dan. 4. 25, 26, 27.

O let the *Kingdom of thy Grace* come more and more in the World, that *Kingdom of God* which *cometh not with Obſervation*, that *Kingdom of God* which *is within Men.* Let it be *like Leaven* in the World, diffuſing its Reliſh *till the whole be leavened*, and *like a Grain of Muſtard-ſeed*, which tho' it be *the leaſt of all Seeds*,

Luke 17. 20, 21.

Mat. 13. 31, 32, 33.

Seeds, yet when *it is grown, is the greateſt a-mong Herbs.*

Let *the Kingdoms of the World become the Kingdoms of the Lord and of his Chriſt: Take unto thy ſelf thy great Power, and reign, tho' the Nations be angry.* Set up thy Throne there *where Satan's Seat is*; let *every Thought be brought into Obedience to thee*, and let *the Law of thy Kingdom be magnified and made honourable.* Rev. 11. 15, 17. —— 2. 13. 2 Cor. 10. 5. Iſa. 42. 31.

Let that *Kingdom of God, which is not in Word, but in Power*, be ſet up in all the Churches of Chriſt. *Send forth the Rod of thy Strength out of thy* Zion, *and rule* by *the Beauty of Holineſs.* 1 Cor. 4. 20. Pſal. 110. 2, 3.

Where *the ſtrong Man armed hath* long *kept his Palace, and his Goods are in Peace*, let Chriſt who *is ſtronger than he come upon him, and overcome him, and take from him all his Armour wherein he truſted, and divide the Spoil.* Luke 11. 21, 22.

O give to the Son of Man Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People, Nations, and Languages may ſerve him, and *the Judgment may be given to the Saints of the moſt High.* Dan. 7. 14, 22.

Let the *Kingdom of thy Grace come* more and more in our Land, and the Places where we live. There *let the Word of the Lord have free courſe and be glorified*, and *let not the Kingdom of God be taken from us*, as we have deſerved it ſhould, *and given to a Nation bringing forth the Fruits thereof.* 2 Theſſ. 3. 1. Mat. 21. 43.

Let the Kingdom of thy Grace come into our Hearts, that they may be the *Temples of the Holy Ghoſt.* Let *no Iniquity have Dominion over us: Overturn, overturn, overturn the* Power of Corruption there, and *let him come whoſe Right* our Hearts are, and *give them* him; 1 Cor. 3. 16. Pſal. 119. 133. Ezek. 21. 27.

him; *make us willing*, more and more willing *in the Day of thy Power*. Rule in us by the Power *of Truth*, that being *of the Truth*, we may always *hear Chriſt's Voice*; and may not only *call him Lord, Lord, but do the things that he ſaith*. And let *the Love of Chriſt* command us and *conſtrain us*, and *his Fear be before our Eyes, that we ſin not*.

Pſal. 110. 3.
John 18. 37.
Luke 6. 46.
2 Cor. 5. 14.
Exod. 20. 20.

O let the *Kingdom of thy Glory* be haſten'd; we believe it will come, *we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jeſus, to come in the Clouds of Heaven with Power and great Glory*; we hope that he ſhall *appear to our Joy*; we *love his Appearing*; we are *looking for, and haſting to the Coming of the Day of God:* Make us *ready for it*, that we may then *lift up our Heads with Joy, knowing that our Redemption draws nigh*. And O that we may have ſuch *Firſt Fruits of the Spirit*, as that *we our ſelves may groan within our ſelves, waiting for the Adoption, even the Redemption of our Body*; and may have *a Deſire to depart, and to be with Chriſt, which is beſt of all*.

Phil. 3. 20.
Mat. 24. 30.
Iſa. 66. 5.
2 Tim. 4. 8.
2 Pet. 3. 12.
Mar. 24. 44.
Luke 21. 28.
Rom. 8. 23.
Phil. 1. 23.

Bleſſed Jeſus, *be with* thy Miniſters and People (as thou haſt ſaid) *always even unto the End of the World:* And then (as thou haſt ſaid) *ſurely I come quickly, even ſo, come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly: When the Myſtery of God ſhall be finiſhed, make haſte, our Beloved, and be thou like to a Roe, or to a young Hart upon the Mountains of Spices*.

Mat. 28. 20.
Rev. 22. 20.
——10. 7.
Cant. 8. 14.

[THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.]

And as an Evidence that *thy Kingdom comes*, and in order to the *ſanctifying of thy Name*, Father in Heaven, let *thy Holy Will be done*.

We

We know, O Lord, that *whatſoever thou pleaſeſt, that thou doſt in Heaven, and in Earth, in the Seas, and in all deep Places*; *Thy Counſel ſhall ſtand, and thou wilt do all thy Pleaſure*: Even ſo be it, *Holy Father, not our Will, but thine be done. As thou haſt thought*, ſo *let it come to paſs*; and *as thou haſt purpoſed, let it ſtand.* Do *all according to the Counſel of thine own Will.* Make even thoſe to ſerve thy Purpoſes, that *have not known thee*, and that *mean not ſo, neither doth their Heart think ſo.*

Pſal. 135. 6. Iſa. 46. 10. Luke 24. 42. Iſa. 14. 24. Eph. 1. 12. Iſa. 45. 4. —10. 7.

Father, let *thy Will be done* concerning us and ours: *Behold, here we are*; *It is the Lord, let him do to us as ſeemeth good unto him: The Will of the Lord be done.* O give us to ſubmit to thy Will in conformity to the Example of the Lord Jeſus, who ſaid, *Not as I will, but as thou wilt*; and to ſay, *the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord. Shall we receive Good at the hand of the Lord, and ſhall we not receive Evil alſo?*

1 Sam. 3. 18. 2 Sam. 15. 26. Acts 21. 14. Mat. 26. 39. Job 1. 21. —2. 10.

Father, let the *Scriptures be fulfilled*; *the Sceiptures of the Prophets, which cannot be broken.* Tho' *Heaven and Earth paſs away*, let *not one Iota or Tittle of thy Word paſs away.* Do what is *written in the Scriptures of Truth*; and let it appear that *for ever, O Lord, thy Word is ſettled in Heaven.*

Mat. 26. 56. John 10. 35. Mat. 24. 35. Dan. 10. 20. Pſal. 119. 89.

Lord, give Grace to each of us to know, and *do the Will of our Father which is in Heaven.* This is *the Will of God, even our Sanctification.* Now *the God of Peace ſanctify us wholly.* O let us be *filled with the Knowledge of thy Will, in all Wiſdom and ſpiritual Underſtanding*, and *make us perfect in every Good Work to do thy Will. O let the time paſt of our Life ſuffice us to have wrought the Will of the Fleſh*, and to have walk'd

Mat. 12. 50. 1 Theſſ. 4. 3. —5. 23. Col. 1. 9. Heb. 13. 21. 1 Pet. 4. 3.

Eph. 2. 2. walk'd *according to the Courſe of this World*; And from henceforth grant that it may al-
John 4. 34. ways be *our Meat and Drink to do the Will of*
——6. 38. *our Father*, and *to finiſh his Work*; not to *do*
Luke 12. 47. *our own Will, but his that ſent us*, that we may be of *thoſe that ſhall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, and not thoſe that ſhall be beaten with many Stripes.

Rom. 12. 2. Lord, give Grace to others alſo to know
Eph. 5. 17. and do thy Will; to *prove what is the good and acceptable, and perfect Will of God*; not to
Col. 4. 12. be *unwiſe, but underſtanding what the Will of the Lord is*; and then give them to *ſtand per-*
Acts 13. 36. *fect and compleat in all the Will of God*: And let us all *ſerve our Generations according to that Will.*

And when we have *done the Will of God*, let
Heb. 10. 36. us *inherit the Promiſes*: And let that part of
1 Chr. 17. 23. the *Will of God be done*; Lord, *let the Word which thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy Servants be eſtabliſhed for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid.*

We rejoice that thy Will is done *in Heaven*,
Pſal. 103. 20. that the holy Angels *do thy Commandments*, and always *hearken to the Voice of thy Word*;
Mat. 18. 10. that they *always behold the Face of our Father.* And we lament it that thy Will is ſo little done on Earth, ſo many of the Children of
2 Tim. 2. 26. Men being *led Captive by Satan at his Will.* O that this Earth may be made more like to Heaven! and Saints more like to the holy Angels! and that we who hope to be ſhort-
Mat. 22. 30. ly *the Angels of God in Heaven*, may now
Rev. 4. 8. like them, *not reſt from praiſing him*; may now
Dan. 10. 13. like them, *reſiſt and withſtand* Satan, may be
Pſal. 104. 4. *as a Flame of Fire, and fly ſwiftly*, and may go
Dan. 9. 21. *ſtraight forward whitherſoever the Spirit goes*;
Ezek. 1. 9, 12. may *miniſter for the good of others*, and thus
Heb. 1. 14. may

may come into Communion *with the innumerable Company of Angels.*

[GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.]

Thou, O God, who haſt appointed us to *ſeek firſt the Kingdom of God and the Righteouſneſs thereof*, haſt promiſed that if we do ſo, *other things ſhall be added unto us:* And therefore having pray'd for the *ſanctifying of thy Name*, the *coming of thy Kingdom*, and the *doing of thy Will*, we next pray, Father in Heaven, *Give us this Day, give us day by day our daily Bread.* Mat. 6. 33. Luke 11. 3.

Remove far from us Vanity and Lies; give us neither Poverty nor Riches, feed us with Food convenient for us, leſt we be full, and deny thee, and ſay, Who is the Lord? or leſt we be poor and ſteal, and take the Name of our God in vain. Prov. 30. 8,9.

Lord, we aſk not *for Dainties; for they are deceitful Meat*; nor do we pray that *we may fare ſumptuouſly every Day*, for we would not *in our Life-time receive our good things*; but we pray for *that Bread* which is neceſſary to *ſtrengthen Man's Heart.* We deſire not to eat the *Bread of Deceit*, nor to drink *any ſtolen Waters*, nor would we *eat the Bread of Idleneſs*, but that if it be thy Will we may *eat the Labour of our Hands*, that *with Quietneſs we may work, and eat our own Bread*; and *having Food and Raiment*, give us to be *therewith content*, and to ſay, *we have all and abound.* Prov. 23. 3. Luke 16. 19, 25. Pſal. 104. 15. Prov. 20. 17. — 9. 17. — 31. 27. Pſal. 128. 2. 2 Theſſ. 3. 12. 1 Tim. 6. 8. Phil. 4. 18.

Bleſs, Lord, our Subſtance, and *accept the Work of our Hands*; and give us wherewithal to *provide for our own*, even *for thoſe of our own Houſe*; and to *leave an Inheritance*, as far as is juſt, *to our Childrens Children. Let the Beauty of the Lord our God be upon us*; *proſper thou* Deut. 33. 11. 1 Tim. 5. 8. Prov. 13. 22. Pſal. 90. 17.

thou the Work of our Hands upon us, yea the
Deut. 33. 13, 16. *Work of our Hands eſtabliſh thou it. Bleſs, Lord, our Land with the precious things of the Earth, and the Fulneſs thereof*; but above all let us have *the Good-will of him that dwelt in the Buſh*, even the *Bleſſing that was upon the Head of* Joſeph, *and upon the Crown of the Head of him that was ſeparated from his Brethren.*

Hab. 3. 17, 18. But *if the Fig-tree ſhould not bloſſom, and there ſhould be no Fruit in the Vine, if the Labour of the Olive ſhould fail, and the Field ſhould yield no Meat, if the Flock ſhould be cut off from the Fold, and there ſhould be no Herd in the Stall*, yet let us have Grace *to rejoice in the Lord, and to joy in the God of our Salvation.*

Father, we aſk not for Bread for a great while to come, but that we may have *this Day our daily Bread*; for we would learn, and the Lord teach us *not to take thought for*
Mat. 6. 31, 32. *the Morrow, what we ſhall eat, or what we ſhall drink, or wherewithal we ſhall be clothed*; but we caſt the Care upon thee, *our Heavenly Father*, who *knoweſt that we have need of all theſe things*; *who feedeſt the Fowls of the Air, though they ſow not, neither do they reap, and*
Mat. 10. 31. *wilt much more feed us*, who are *of more value than many Sparrows.*

Nor do we pray for daily Bread for our
Pſal. 132. 15. ſelves only, but for others alſo. O *ſatisfy*
Iſa. 33. 15, 16. *thy Poor with Bread:* Let all that *walk righteouſly* and *ſpeak uprightly, dwell on high: Let the Place of their Defence be the Munitions of Rocks*, let *Bread be given to them*, and let *their Waters be ſure.*

[And Forgive us our Debts as we forgive our Debtors.]

And

And, Lord, as duly as we pray every day for our daily Bread, we pray for the Forgiveneſs of our Sins: For *we are all guilty before God, have all ſinned, and have come ſhort of the Glory of God: In many things we all offend* every day; *who can tell how oft he offends? If thou ſhould'ſt mark Iniquities, O Lord, who ſhall ſtand? But there is Forgiveneſs with thee that thou may'ſt be feared. God be merciful to us Sinners.* Rom. 3. 19, 23. Jam. 3. 2. Pſal. 19. 12. —130. 3, 4.

We have *waſted our Lord's Goods*, we have *buried the Talents we were intruſted with*, nor have we *render'd again according to the Benefit done unto us*, and thus we come to be in debt. The *Scripture has concluded us all under Sin*; We have done *ſuch things as are worthy of Death*, things for which *the Wrath of God comes upon the Children of Diſobedience*. Our Debt is more than *ten thouſand Talents, it is a great Debt*; and we have *nothing to pay*, ſo far are we from being able to ſay, *Have patience with us, and we will pay thee all*. Juſtly therefore might *our Adverſary deliver us to the Judge, and the Judge to the Officer, to be caſt into Priſon*, the Priſon of Hell, *till we ſhould pay the laſt Farthing*. Luke 16. 1. Mat. 25. 18. 2 Chr. 32. 25. Gal. 3. 22. Rom. 1. 32. Eph. 5. 6. Mat. 18. 24, 32, 25, 26. Mat. 5. 25, 26.

But bleſſed be God there is a Way found out of *agreeing with our Adverſary*; for *if any Man ſin, we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous, and he is the Propitiation for our Sins*. For his ſake we pray thee *blot out all our Tranſgreſſions*, and *enter not into Judgment with us*. He is *our Surety*, who *reſtored that which he took not away*, that Bleſſed *Day's-man, which hath laid his Hand upon us both*; through him let us *be reconciled unto God*, and let the *Hand-writing* which 1 John 2. 1, 2. Pſal. 51. 1. —143. 2. Heb. 7. 22. Pſal. 69. 4. Job 9. 33. 2 Cor. 5. 20. Col. 2. 13, 14.

which *was againſt us*, which was *contrary to us*, be *blotted out*, and *taken out of the way*, being *nail'd to the Croſs of Chriſt*, that we may be *quicken'd together with Chriſt*, having *all our Treſpaſſes forgiven us*. Be thou *merciful to our Unrighteouſneſſes*, and *our Sins and our Iniquities do thou remember no more*.

Heb. 8. 12.

Rom. 5. 11.
1 John 2. 13.
Pſal. 85. 8.
——51. 8.
1 John 1. 7.
Heb. 9. 14.

And give us, we pray thee, *to receive the Atonement*, to *know that our Sins are forgiven us*; *ſpeak Peace* to us, and *make us to hear Joy and Gladneſs*. Let the *Blood of Chriſt thy Son cleanſe us from all Sin*, and *purge our Conſciences from dead Works to ſerve the living God*.

Mat. 5. 44.

—6. 15.

Mark 11. 25.
Col. 3. 13.

Prov. 20. 22.
Rom. 12. 19.
Eph. 4. 31, 32.

And as an Evidence that thou haſt forgiven our Sins, we pray thee give us Grace to *forgive our Enemies*, to *love them that hate us*, *and bleſs them that curſe us*; for we acknowledge that *if we forgive not Men their Treſpaſſes*, *neither will our Father forgive our Treſpaſſes*: And therefore *we forgive*, Lord, we deſire heartily to forgive, *if we have a Quarrel againſt any*, *even as Chriſt forgave us*. Far be it from us to ſay *that we will recompenſe Evil*, or that we *ſhould avenge ourſelves*. But we pray that *all Bitterneſs*, *and Wrath and Anger*, *and Clamour*, *and Evil-ſpeaking*, *may be put away from us*, *with all Malice*; and that we may *be kind one to another*, *and tender-hearted*, *forgiving one another*, *even as God for Chriſt's ſake* we hope *hath forgiven us*. O make us *merciful as our Father which is in Heaven is merciful*, who hath promis'd that *with the Merciful he will ſhew himſelf merciful*.

Mat. 5. 7.

Pſal. 18. 25.

[AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION; BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.]

And, Lord, foraſmuch as there is in us

a Bent to backſlide from thee, ſo that when our Sins are forgiven, we are ready to *return again to Folly*, we pray that thou wilt not only *forgive us our Debts*, but take care of us, that *we may not offend any more:* Lord, *lead us not into any Temptation.* We know that *no Man can ſay when he is tempted, that he is tempted of God*, for *God tempteth not any Man:* But we know that *God is able to make all Grace abound towards us*, and to *keep us from falling*, and *preſent us faultleſs.* We therefore pray that thou wilt never *give us up to our own Hearts Luſt, to walk in our own Counſels*, but reſtrain Satan, *that roaring Lion that goes about ſeeking whom he may devour:* and grant that we *may not be ignorant of his Devices.* O let not *Satan have us to ſift us as Wheat*, or however *let not our Faith fail.* Let not the *Meſſengers of Satan* be permitted to *buffet us*; but if they be, let *thy Grace be ſufficient for us*, that where we *are weak we may be ſtrong*, and may be *more than Conquerors through him that loved us.* And *the God of Peace tread Satan under our Feet*, and do it *ſhortly.* And ſince we *wreſtle not againſt Fleſh and Blood, but againſt Principalities and Powers, and the Rulers of Darkneſs of this World*, let us be *ſtrong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might.*

Hoſea 11. 6. Pſal. 85. 8. Job 34. 22. James 1. 13. 2 Cor. 9. 8. Jude 24. Pſal. 81. 12. 1 Pet. 5. 8. 2 Cor. 2. 11. Luke 22. 31, 32. 2 Cor. 12. 7, 9, 10. Rom. 8. 37. ——16. 20. Eph. 6. 10, 12.

Lord, grant that we may never *enter into Temptation*, but having *prayed*, may *ſet a Watch*, and let thy wiſe and good Providence ſo order all our Affairs, and all Events that are concerning us, that *no Temptation may take us, but ſuch as is common to Men*, and that we may *never be tempted above what we are able*, to diſcern, reſiſt, and overcome through the Grace of God. Lord, do not *lay any*

Mat. 26. 41. Neh. 4. 9. 1 Cor. 10. 13.

Jer. 6. 21. Rom. 14. 13. *ſtumbling Blocks before us*, that we ſhould *fall upon them and periſh*. Let nothing be *an occaſion of falling* to us, but give us that *great Peace* Pſal. 119. 165. which *they have that love thy Law, whom nothing ſhall offend.*

John 16. 13. Pſal 25. 4, 5. —23. 2, 3. And *lead us*, we pray thee, *into all Truth*; *lead us in thy Truth, and teach us*, for *thou art the God of our Salvation. Shew us thy Ways, O God, and teach us thy Paths*; the *Paths of Righteouſneſs*; *O lead us in thoſe Paths* for *thy Name's Sake*, that ſo we may be *led beſide the ſtill Waters.*

1 John 5. 18. Mat. 13. 25. Eph. 6. 11, 16. 1 John 2. 14. And *deliver us*, we pray thee, *from the Evil One*; *keep us that the wicked one touch us not*, that he *ſow not his Tares* in the Field of our Hearts, that we be not enſnar'd by *his Wiles*, or wounded by *his fiery Darts*; let the *Word of God abide in us*, that we may *be ſtrong*, and may *overcome the wicked one.*

2 Cor. 13. 7. 2 Tim. 4. 18. Mat. 1. 21. Tit. 2. 14. Heb. 12. 1. Job 33. 17. Pſal. 119. 29. ——141. 4. ——119. 36. ——106. 33. ——19. 13. Deliver us from *every evil thing*, we pray, *that we may do no Evil: O deliver us from every evil Work, ſave us from our Sins, redeem us from all Iniquity*, eſpecially *the Sin that doth moſt eaſily beſet us*; *Hide Pride from us*; *Remove from us the Way of Lying*; *Let us not eat of Sinners Dainties*; *Incline our Hearts to thy Teſtimonies, and not to Covetouſneſs*; And keep us that we *never ſpeak unadviſedly with our Lips*; but eſpecially *keep back thy Servants from preſumptuous Sins, let not them have Dominion over us.*

——91. 10. 2 Chr. 4. 10. Preſerve us, we pray thee, that *no evil thing may befall us*; let *thy Hand be with us*, and *keep us from Evil, that it may not hurt us.*

Pſal. 17. 7, 8. O thou that *ſaveſt by thy Right Hand them which put their Truſt in thee, from thoſe that riſe up againſt them, ſhew us thy marvellous*

Loving-

Loving-kindneſs, and *keep us as the Apple of thine Eye, hide us under the Shadow of thy Wings. Keep that which we commit unto thee.* 2 Tim. 1. 12.
Thou that *haſt deliver'd doſt deliver*, and *we truſt* and *pray that thou wilt yet deliver*, wilt *deliver us from all our Fears.* O make us to *dwell ſafely*, and grant that we may be *quiet from the Fear of Evil.* And bring us ſafe at laſt to that *Holy Mountain*, where there is no *pricking Briar*, or *grieving Thorn*; *nothing to hurt or deſtroy.* 2 Cor. 1. 10. Pſal. 34. 4. Prov. 1. 33. Ezek. 28. 24. Iſa. 11. 9.

[FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN.]

Father in Heaven, let *thy Kingdom come*, for *thine is the Kingdom*, thou *art God in Heaven, and ruleſt over all the Kingdoms of the Heathen: Let thy Will be done*, for *thine is the Power*, and *there is nothing too hard for thee*: Let *thy Name be ſanctified*, for *thine is the Glory*, and *thou haſt ſet thy Glory above the Heavens.* 2 Chr. 20. 6. Jer. 32. 17. Pſal. 8. 1.

Father in Heaven ſupply our Wants, pardon our Sins, and preſerve us from Evil, for *thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory*, and thou art *Lord over all*, who art *rich to all that call upon thee*; *None can forgive Sins but thou only*; Let *thy Power be great* in *pardoning our Sins*; And ſince *it is the Glory of God to pardon Sin*, and to help the Helpleſs, *Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the Glory of thy Name deliver us, and purge away our Sins, for thy Names ſake.* Rom. 10. 12. Mark 2. 7. Numb. 14. 17. Prov. 25. 2. Pſal. 79. 9.

We deſire *in* all *our Prayers to praiſe thee*, for *thou art great, and greatly to be praiſed.* We praiſe *thy Kingdom*, for it is *an everlaſting Kingdom, and endures throughout all Generati-* Pſal. 145. 3. --- 145. 13.

Pſal. 45. 6, 7. *ons*, and *the Scepter of thy Kingdom is a right Scepter, thou loveſt Righteouſneſs, and hateſt Wickedneſs, to thee belongeth Mercy, and thou*
--- 62. 12. *rendereſt to every Man according to his Work.* We praiſe *thy Power*, for *thou haſt a mighty*
--- 89. 13, 14. *Arm, ſtrong is thy Hand, and high is thy Right Hand*, and yet *Judgment and Juſtice are the Habitation of thy Throne, Mercy and Truth*
--- 104. 31. *ſhall go before thy Face.* We praiſe *thy Glory, for the Glory of the Lord ſhall endure for ever.* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt; as it was in the Beginning,
--- 150. 1, 2, 6. is now, and ever ſhall be. O let *God be praiſed in his Sanctuary*, and *praiſed in the Firmament of his Power*, let him be *praiſed for his mighty Acts*, and *praiſed according to his excellent Greatneſs:* Let *every thing that hath Breath praiſe the Lord*; *Hallelujah.*

1 John 5. 15. And foraſmuch as *we know that he heareth us*, and *whatſoever we aſk*, according to his Will, in Faith, *we have the Petitions that we*
Pſal. 106. 47. *deſir'd of him*, we will *triumph in his Praiſe.*
--- 20. 6. Now *know we* that the *Lord heareth his Anointed*, and for his ſake will *hear us from his holy Heaven with the ſaving Strength of his Right Hand:* And therefore in token, not only of our Deſire, but of our Aſſurance to be heard in Chriſt's Name, we ſay, *Amen, Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, &c.

CHAP.

CHAP. IX.

Some ſhort Forms of Prayer for the Uſe of thoſe who may not be able to collect for themſelves out of the foregoing Materials.

A Prayer to be us'd by Children.

O God, thou art my God, early will I ſeek thee.

Thou art my God, and I will praiſe thee; my Father's God, and I will exalt thee.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in Holineſs, fearful in Praiſes, doing Wonders?

Whom have I in Heaven but thee? and there is none upon Earth that I deſire beſides thee. When my Fleſh and my Heart fail, thou art the Strength of my Heart, and my Portion for ever.

Thou madeſt me for thy ſelf to ſhew forth thy Praiſe.

But I am a Sinner; I was ſhapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me.

God be merciful to me a Sinner.

O deliver me from the Wrath to come, through Chriſt Jeſus who died for me, and roſe again.

Lord, give me a new Nature. Let Jeſus Chriſt be formed in my Soul, that to me to live may be Chriſt, and to die may be Gain.

Lord, I was in my Baptiſm given up to thee; receive me graciouſly, and love me freely.

Lord Jeſus, thou haſt encouraged little Children to come to thee, and haſt ſaid, that of ſuch is the Kingdom of God; I come to thee; O make me a faithful Subject of thy Kingdom, take me up in thy Arms, put thy Hands upon me, and bleſs me.

O give me Grace to redeem me from all Iniquity, and particularly from the Vanity which Childhood and Youth is ſubject to.

Lord, give me a wiſe and an underſtanding Heart, that I may know and do thy Will in every thing, and may in nothing ſin againſt thee.

Lord, grant that from my Childhood I may know the Holy Scriptures, and may continue in the good things which I have learned.

Remove from me the way of Lying, and grant me thy Law graciouſly.

Lord, be thou a Father to me; teach me, and guide me; provide for me, and protect me; and bleſs me, even me, O my Father.

Bleſs all my Relations [Father, Mother, Brothers, Siſters] and give me Grace to do my Duty to them in every thing.

Lord, prepare me for Death, and give me wiſely to conſider my latter End.

O Lord, I thank thee for all thy Mercies to me; for Life and Health, Food and Rayment, and for my Education; for my Creation, Preſervation, and all the Bleſſings of this Life; but above all for thine ineſtimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for the Means of Grace, and the Hopes of Glory. Thanks

Thanks be to God for his unſpeakable Gift; Bleſſed be God for Jeſus Chriſt. None but Chriſt, none but Chriſt for me.

Now to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, that Great Name into which I was baptized, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praiſe, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Another Paraphraſe on the Lord's Prayer, in the Words of the Aſſemblies Shorter Catechiſm.

OUR *Father in Heaven*, we come to thee as Children to a Father able and ready to help us.

We beſeech thee, *Let thy Name be ſanctified*; enable us and others to glorify thee in all that whereby thou haſt made thy ſelf known, and diſpoſe of all things to thine own Glory.

Let *thy Kingdom come*; Let Satan's Kingdom be deſtroy'd, and let the Kingdom of thy Grace be advanced; let us and others be brought into it, and kept in it, and let the Kingdom of thy Glory be haſten'd.

Let *thy Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven*; make us by thy Grace able and willing to know, obey, and ſubmit to thy Will in all things, as the Angels do in Heaven.

Give us this Day our daily Bread; of thy free Gift let us receive a competent Portion

of the good things of this Life, and let us enjoy thy Bleſſing with them.

And forgive us our Treſpaſſes as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. We pray that for Chriſt's ſake thou would'ſt freely pardon all our Sins, and that by thy Grace thou would'ſt enable us from the Heart to forgive others.

And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: Either keep us (O Lord) from being tempted to Sin, or ſupport and deliver us when we are tempted.

For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory for ever. Lord, we take our Encouragement in Prayer from thy ſelf only, and deſire in our Prayers to praiſe thee, aſcribing Kingdom, Power, and Glory to thee: And in teſtimony of our Deſires and Aſſurance to be heard through Jeſus Chriſt, we ſay *Amen.*

Another Prayer drawn out of my Plain Catechiſm for Children (*which was firſt publiſhed in the Year* 1703.) *which will be eaſy to thoſe Children who have learn'd that Catechiſm.*

O Lord, thou art an Infinite and Eternal Spirit, moſt Wiſe and Powerful, Holy, Juſt, and Good.

Thou art the great God that madeſt the World, and art my Creator; and thou that madeſt me do'ſt preſerve and maintain me, and in thee I live and move and have my Being. O that I may remember thee as my Crea-

Creator in the Days of my Youth, and never forget thee.

Lord, give me Grace to ſerve and honour thee, to worſhip and obey thee, and in all my Ways to truſt in thee and to pleaſe thee.

Lord, I thank thee for thy Holy Word, which thou haſt given me to be the Rule of my Faith and Obedience, and which is able to make me wiſe unto Salvation.

I confeſs, O Lord, that the Condition I was born in is ſinful and miſerable. I am naturally prone to that which is evil, and backward to that which is good, and Fooliſhneſs is bound up in my Heart; and I am by Nature a Child of Wrath; ſo that if thou hadſt not raiſed up a Saviour for me, I had been certainly loſt and undone for ever. I have been diſobedient to the Command of God, and have eaten forbidden Fruit.

But bleſſed and for ever bleſſed be God for the Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, the Eternal Son of God, and the only Mediator between God and Man, who took our Nature upon him, and became Man, that he might redeem and ſave us.

Lord, I bleſs thee for his holy Life, give me to follow his Steps; I bleſs thee for the true and excellent Doctrine which he preach'd, give me to mix Faith with it; I bleſs thee for the Miracles which he wrought to confirm his Doctrine: And eſpecially that he died the curſed Death of the Croſs to ſatisfy for Sin, and to reconcile us to God; and that he roſe again from the Dead on the third Day, and aſcended up into Heaven, where he ever lives making Interceſſion for

us,

us, and hath all Power both in Heaven and in Earth; and that we are assur'd he will come again in Glory to judge the World at the last Day.

Lord, I thank thee that I am one of his Disciples; for I am a baptiz'd Christian; and I give Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose Name I was baptiz'd.

Lord, be thou in Christ to me a God, and make me one of thy People.

Be thou my chief Good and highest End; let Jesus Christ be my Prince and Saviour; and let the Holy Ghost be my Sanctifier, Teacher, Guide and Comforter.

Lord, enable me to deny all Ungodliness, and worldly fleshly Lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World, always looking for the blessed Hope.

Work in me Repentance towards God, and Faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ; and give me to live a Life of Faith and Repentance.

Lord, make me truly sorry that I have offended thee in what I have thought, and spoken, and done amiss, and give me Grace to sin no more.

And enable me to receive Jesus Christ, and to rely upon him as my Prophet, Priest, and King, and to give up my self to be rul'd and taught, and sav'd by him.

Lord, grant unto me the Pardon of my Sins, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and Eternal Life.

And give me Grace to manifest the Sincerity of my Faith and Repentance by a diligent and conscientious Obedience to all thy Commandments.

Enable

Enable me to love thee with all my Heart, and to love my Neighbour as my ſelf.

Give me Grace always to make mention of thy Name with Reverence and Seriouſneſs, to read and hear thy Word with Diligence and Attention, to meditate upon it, to believe it, and to frame my Life according to it.

Lord, grant that I may receive all thy Mercies with Thankfulneſs, and bear all Afflictions with Patience and Submiſſion to thy Holy Will.

Lord, grant that my Heart may never be lifted up with Pride, diſturb'd with Anger, or any ſinful Paſſion; and that my Body may never be defil'd with Intemperance, Uncleanneſs, or any fleſhly Luſts; and keep me from ever ſpeaking any ſinful Words.

Lord, give me Grace to reverence and obey my Parents and Governors; I thank thee for their Inſtructions and Reproofs: I pray thee bleſs them to me, and make me in every thing a Comfort to them.

Lord, pity, help, and ſuccour the Poor, and thoſe in Affliction and Diſtreſs.

Lord, bleſs my Friends, forgive my Enemies, and enable me to do my Duty to all Men.

Wherein I have in any thing offended thee, I humbly pray for Pardon in the Blood of Chriſt, and Grace to do my Duty better for the time to come, and ſo to live in the Fear of God, as that I may be happy in this World, and that to come.

Lord, prepare me to die, and leave this World; O ſave me from that State of everlaſting Miſery and Torment, which will certainly

tainly be the Portion of all the Wicked and Ungodly, and bring me ſafe to the World of everlaſting Reſt and Joy with thee and Jeſus Chriſt.

And give me Wiſdom and Grace to live a holy godly Life, and to make it my great Care and Buſineſs to ſerve thee, and to ſave my own Soul.

All this I humbly beg in the Name and for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be Honour, Glory, and Praiſe, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

O Lord our God, we deſire with all Humility and Reverence to adore thee as a Being infinitely Bright, and Bleſſed, and Glorious, that haſt all Perfection in thy ſelf, and art the Fountain of all Being, Power, Life, Motion, and Perfection.

Thou art good to all, and thy tender Mercies are over all thy Works; and thou art continually doing us good, though we are evil and unthankful.

We reckon it an unſpeakable Privilege, that we have Liberty of Acceſs to thee through Jeſus Chriſt, and Leave to call thee our Father in him. O look upon us now, and be merciful to us, as thou uſeſt to do unto thoſe that love thy Name.

O give us all to account our daily Worſhip of thee in our Family the moſt needful Part

of

of our daily Buſineſs, and the moſt pleaſant of our daily Comforts.

Thou art the God of all the Families of *Iſrael*, be thou the God of our Family, and grant that whatever others do, we and ours may always ſerve the Lord; that thou may'ſt cauſe the Bleſſing to reſt on our Houſe from the Beginning of the Year to the End of it. Lord, bleſs us, and we are bleſſed indeed.

We humbly thank thee for all the Mercies of this Night paſt, and this Morning, that we have laid us down and ſlept, and wak'd again, becauſe thou haſt ſuſtained us; That no Plague has come nigh our Dwelling; but that we are brought in Safety to the Light and Comforts of another Day.

It is of thy Mercies, O Lord, that we are not conſum'd, even becauſe thy Compaſſions fail not, they are new every Morning; great is thy Faithfulneſs.

We have reſted and are refreſhed, when many have been full of Toſſings to and fro till the Dawning of the Day: We have a ſafe and quiet Habitation, when many are forc'd to wander and lie expos'd.

We own thy Goodneſs to us, and our ſelves we acknowledge leſs than the leaſt of all the Mercy, and of all the Truth thou haſt ſhewed unto us.

We confeſs we have ſinned againſt thee, we are guilty before thee, we have ſinned and have come ſhort of the Glory of God: We have corrupt and ſinful Natures, and are bent to backſlide from thee; backward to Good and prone to Evil continually.

Vain Thoughts come into us, and lodge within us, lying down and riſing up, and they

they defile or diſquiet our Minds, and keep out good Thoughts. We are too apt to burthen our ſelves with that Care which thou haſt encourag'd us to caſt upon thee.

We are very much wanting in the Duties of our particular Relations, and provoke one another more to Folly and Paſſion than to Love and to good Works. We are very cold and defective in our Love to God, weak in our Deſires towards him, and unſteddy and uneven in our walking with him; and are at this time much out of frame for his Service.

We pray thee forgive all our Sins for Chriſt's ſake, and be at peace with us in him who died to make Peace, and ever lives making Interceſſion.

There be many that ſay, Who will ſhew us any Good? but, Lord, let not us be put off with the Good of this World for a Portion: for this is our Heart's Deſire and Prayer, Lord, lift up the Light of thy Countenance upon us, and that ſhall put Gladneſs into our Hearts more than they have whoſe Corn and Wine and Oil increaſeth.

Lord, let thy Peace rule in our Hearts, and give Law to us, and let thy Peace keep our Hearts and Minds, and give Comfort to us; and let the Conſolations of God, which are neither few nor ſmall, be our Strength and our Song in the Houſe of our Pilgrimage.

Lord, we commit our ſelves to thy Care and Keeping this Day: Watch over us for good; compaſs us about with thy Favour as with a Shield; preſerve us from all Evil,

yea, the Lord preſerve and keep our Souls; preſerve our going out and coming in.

Our Bodies and all our worldly Affairs we commit to the Conduct of thy wiſe and gracious Providence, and ſubmit to its Diſpoſals. Let no Hurt or Harm happen to us; keep us in Health and Safety; bleſs our Employments, proſper us in all our lawful Undertakings, and give us Comfort and Succeſs in them. Let us eat the Labour of our Hands, and let it be well with us.

Our precious Souls and all their Concerns we commit to the Government of thy Spirit and Grace. O let thy Grace be mighty in us, and ſufficient for us, and let it work in us both to will and to do that which is good, of thine own good pleaſure.

O give us Grace to do the Work of this Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires, and to do even common Actions after a godly ſort; acknowledging thee in all our Ways, and having our Eye ever up to thee, and be thou pleas'd to direct our Steps.

Lord, keep us from Sin; give us Rule over our own Spirits, and grant that we may not this Day break out into Paſſion upon any Provocation, or ſpeak unadviſedly with our Lips: Give us Grace to live together in Peace and holy Love, that the Lord may command the Bleſſing upon us, even Life for evermore.

Make us conſcientious in all our Dealings, and always watchful againſt Sin, as becomes thoſe who ſee thine Eye ever upon us: Arm us againſt every Temptation, uphold us in our Integrity, keep us in the Way of our Duty;

Duty; and grant that we may be in thy Fear every Day, and all the Day long.

In every doubtful Caſe let our Way be made plain before us; and give us that Wiſdom of the Prudent, which is at all times profitable to direct; and let Integrity and Uprightneſs preſerve us, for we wait on thee.

Sanctify to us all our Loſſes, Croſſes, Afflictions and Diſappointments, and give us Grace to ſubmit to thy holy Will in them, and let us find it good for us to be afflicted, that we may be Partakers of thy Holineſs.

Prepare us for all the Events of this Day, for we know not what a Day may bring forth: Give us to ſtand compleat in thy whole Will; to deny our ſelves, to take up our Croſs daily, and to follow Jeſus Chriſt.

Lord, fit us for Death, and Judgment, and Eternity, and give us Grace to live every Day as thoſe that do not know but it may be our laſt Day.

Lord, plead thy Cauſe in the World; build up thy Church into perfect Beauty; ſet up the Throne of the exalted Redeemer in all Places upon the Ruins of the Devil's Kingdom. Let the Reformed Churches be more and more reformed, and let every thing that is amiſs be amended; and let thoſe that ſuffer for Righteouſneſs ſake be ſupported and deliver'd.

Do us good in theſe Nations; bleſs the King and all in Authority; guide publick Counſels and Affairs; over-rule all to thine own Glory; let Peace and Truth be in our Days, and be preſerv'd to thoſe that ſhall come after us.

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Be gracious to all our Relations, Friends, Neighbours, and Acquaintance, and do them good according as their Neceſſities are. Supply the Wants of all thy People. Dwell in the Families that fear thee, and call upon thy Name. Forgive our Enemies, and thoſe that hate us; give us a right and charitable Frame of Spirit towards all Men, and all that is theirs.

Viſit thoſe that are in Affliction, and comfort them, and be unto them a very preſent Help. Recover the Sick, eaſe the Pained, ſuccour the Tempted, relieve the Oppreſſed, and give Joy to thoſe that mourn in *Zion*.

Deal with us and our Family according to the Tenor of the Everlaſting Covenant, which is well order'd in all things and ſure, and which is all our Salvation and all our Deſire; however it pleaſeth God to deal with us and with our Houſe.

Now bleſſed be God for all his Gifts both of Nature and Grace, for thoſe that concern this Life, and that to come; eſpecially for Jeſus Chriſt the Fountain and Foundation of all; Thanks be to God for his unſpeakable Gift.

We humbly beſeech thee for Chriſt Jeſus ſake to pardon our Sins, accept our Services, and grant an Anſwer of Peace to our Prayers, even for his ſake who died for us and roſe again, who hath taught us to pray: *Our Father which art in Heaven*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

MOST Holy and Bleſſed and Glorious Lord God, whoſe we are, and whom we are bound to ſerve; for becauſe thou madeſt us, and not we our ſelves, therefore we are not our own but thine, and unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls: Thy Face, Lord, do we ſeek; whither ſhall we go for a Happineſs but to thee from whom we derive our Being?

Thou art the great Benefactor of the whole Creation: Thou giveſt to all Life and Breath, and all things: Thou art our Benefactor; the God that haſt fed us, and kept us all our Life long unto this Day. Having obtained Help of God, we continue hitherto, Monuments of ſparing Mercy, and Witneſſes for thee that thou art gracious, that thou art God and not Man; for therefore it is that we are not cut off.

One Day tells another, and one Night certifies to another, that thou art good and doſt good, and never faileſt thoſe that ſeek thee and truſt in thee. Thou makeſt the Outgoings of the Morning and of the Evening to praiſe thee.

It is through the good Hand of our God upon us, that we are brought in Safety to the Cloſe of another Day, and that after the various Employments of the Day, we come together at Night to mention the loving Kindneſs of the Lord, and the Praiſes of our God, who is good, and whoſe Mercy endureth for ever.

Bleſſed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his Benefits, even the God of our Salvation; for he that is our God is the God of Salvation. We have from thee the Mercies of the Day in its Day, according as the Neceſſity of the Day requires, though we come far ſhort of doing the Work of the Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires.

We bleſs thee for the Miniſtration of the good Angels about us, the Serviceableneſs of the inferior Creatures to us, for our bodily Health and Eaſe, Comfort in our Relations, and a comfortable Place of Abode, and that thou haſt not made the Wilderneſs our Habitation, and the barren Land our Dwelling; and eſpecially that thou continueſt to us the Uſe of our Reaſon, and the Quiet and Peace of our Conſciences.

We bleſs thee for our Share in the publick Tranquility, that thou haſt given us a good Land, in which we dwell ſafely under our own Vines and Fig-trees.

Above all we bleſs thee for Jeſus Chriſt, and his Mediation between God and Man, for the Covenant of Grace made with us in him, and all the exceeding great and precious Promiſes and Privileges of that Covenant, for the Throne of Grace erected for us, to which we may in his Name come with humble Boldneſs, and for the Hope of Eternal Life through him.

We confeſs we have ſinned againſt thee; this Day we have ſinned and done fooliſhly: O God, thou knoweſt our Fooliſhneſs, and our Sins are not hid from thee: we miſ-ſpend our Time, we neglect our Duty, we follow

after lying Vanities, and forſake our own Mercies. We offend with our Tongues: Are we not carnal and walk as Men, below Chriſtians? Who can underſtand his Errors? Cleanſe us from our ſecret Faults.

We pray thee give us Repentance for our Sins of daily Infirmity, and make us duly ſenſible of the Evil of them, and of our Danger by them, and let the Blood of Chriſt thy Son, which cleanſeth from all Sin, cleanſe us from them, that we may lie down to Night at Peace with God, and our Souls may comfortably return to him, and repoſe in him as our Reſt.

And give us Grace ſo to repent every Day for the Sins of every Day, as that when we come to die we may have the Sins but of one Day to repent of, and ſo we may be continually eaſy.

Do us good by all the Providences we are under, merciful or afflictive; give us Grace to accommodate our ſelves to them, and by all bring us nearer to thee, and make us fitter for thee.

We commit our ſelves to thee this Night, and deſire to dwell in the ſecret Place of the moſt High, and to abide under the Shadow of the Almighty. Let the Lord be our Habitation, and let our Souls be at home in him.

Make a Hedge of Protection (we pray thee) about us, and about our Houſe, and about all that we have round about, that no Evil may befal us, nor any Plague come nigh our Dwelling. The Lord be our Keeper, who neither ſlumbers nor ſleeps; Lord, be thou a Sun and a Shield to us.

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Refreſh our Bodies (we pray thee) with quiet and comfortable Reſt, not to be diſturb'd with any diſtruſtful diſquieting Cares or Fears; but eſpecially let our Souls be refreſh'd with thy Love and the Light of thy Countenance, and thy Benignity, which is better than Life.

When we awake, grant that we may be ſtill with thee, and may remember thee upon our Beds, and meditate upon thee in the Night-watches, and may improve the Silence and Solitude of our Retirements for communing with God and our own Hearts; that when we are alone we may not be alone, but God may be with us, and we with him.

Reſtore us to another Day in Safety, and prepare us for the Duties and Events of it; and by all the Supports and Comforts of this Life, let our Bodies be fitted to ſerve our Souls in thy Service, and enable us to glorify thee with both, remembring that we are not our own, we are bought with a Price.

And foraſmuch as we are now brought one Day nearer our End, Lord, enable us ſo to number our Days, as that we may apply our Hearts unto Wiſdom: Let us be minded by our putting off our Clothes, and going to ſleep in our Beds, of putting off the Body, ſleeping the Sleep of Death, and of making our Bed in the Darkneſs ſhortly, that we may be dying daily in expectation of and preparation for our Change, that when we come to die indeed, it may be no Surprize or Terror to us, but we may with Comfort put off the Body, and reſign the Spirit, knowing whom we have truſted.

Lord, let our Family be bleſſed in him, in whom all the Families of the Earth are bleſſed, bleſſed with all ſpiritual Bleſſings in heavenly things by Chriſt Jeſus, and with temporal Bleſſings as far as thou ſeeſt good for us: Give us Health and Proſperity, but eſpecially let our Souls proſper, and be in Health, and let all that belong to us belong to Chriſt, that we who live in a Houſe together on Earth, may be together for ever with the Lord.

Look with Pity upon a loſt World, we beſeech thee, and ſet up Chriſt's Throne there where Satan's Seat is; ſend the Goſpel where it is not, make it ſucceſsful where it is; let it be mighty through God to the pulling down of the ſtrong Holds of Sin.

Let the Church of Chriſt greatly flouriſh in all Places, and make it to appear that it is built upon a Rock, and that the Gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt it; and ſuffer not the Rod of the Wicked any where to reſt upon the Lot of the Righteous.

Let the Land of our Nativity be ſtill the particular Care of thy good Providence, that in the Peace thereof we may have Peace. Let Glory dwell in our Land, and upon all the Glory let there be a Defence.

Rule in the Hearts of our Rulers. We pray thee continue the King's Life and Government long a publick Bleſſing; make all that are in Places of publick Truſt faithful to the publick Intereſt; and all that bear the Sword a Terror to evil Doers, and a Protection and Praiſe to them that do well. Own thy Miniſters in their Work, and give them Skill and Will to help Souls to Heaven.

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Be gracious to all that are dear to us: Let the riſing Generation be ſuch as thou wilt own, and do thee more and better Service in their Day than this has done.

Comfort and relieve all that are in Sorrow and Affliction, lay no more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear, and enable them to bear what thou doſt lay upon them.

Do for us, we pray thee, abundantly above what we are able to aſk or think, for the ſake of our Bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who is the Lord our Righteouſneſs. To him with the Father and the Eternal Spirit be Glory and Praiſe now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Family Prayer for the Lord's Day Morning.

MOST Gracious God, and our Father in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: It is good for us to draw near to thee; the nearer the better, and it will be beſt of all when we come to be neareſt of all in the Kingdom of Glory.

Thou haſt thy Being of thy ſelf, and thy Happineſs in thy ſelf; we therefore adore thee as the Great *Jehovah:* We have our Being from thee, and our Happineſs in thee, and therefore it is both our Duty and our Intereſt to ſeek to thee, to implore thy Favour, and to give unto thee the Glory due to thy Name.

We bleſs thee for the Return of the Morning Light, and that thou cauſeſt the Day-

ſpring to know its Place and Time. O let the Day-ſpring from on high viſit our dark Souls, and the Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſe with Healing under his Wings.

We bleſs thee that the Light we ſee is the Lord's: That this is the Day which the Lord hath made, hath made for Man, hath made for himſelf, we will rejoice and be glad in it. That thou haſt reveal'd unto us thy holy Sabbaths, and that we were betimes taught to put a difference between this Day and other Days, and that we live in a Land, in all parts of which God is publickly and ſolemnly worſhipp'd on this Day.

We bleſs thee that Sabbath Liberties and Opportunities are continued to us; and that we are not wiſhing in vain for theſe Days of the Son of Man; that our Candleſtick is not removed out of its Place, as juſtly it might have been, becauſe we have left our firſt Love.

Now we bid this Sabbath welcome: Hoſanna to the Son of *David*, bleſſed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hoſanna in the higheſt. O that we may be in the Spirit on this Lord's Day; That this may be the Sabbath of the Lord in our Dwelling; in our Hearts, a Sabbath of Reſt from Sin, and a Sabbath of Reſt in God. Enable us, we pray thee, ſo to ſanctify this Sabbath, as that it may be ſanctified to us, and be a Means of our Sanctification: That by reſting to day from our worldly Employments, our Hearts may be more and more taken off from preſent things, and prepared to leave them; and that by employing our time to day in the Worſhip of God, we

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may be led into a more experimental Acquaintance with the Work of Heaven, and be made more meet for that Bleſſed World.

We confeſs we are utterly unworthy of the Honour, and unable for the Work of Communion with thee; but we come to thee in the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is worthy, and depend upon the Aſſiſtances of thy bleſſed Spirit to work all our Works in us, and ſo to ordain Peace for us.

We keep this Day holy to the Honour of God the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, in remembrance of the Work of Creation, that Work of Wonder, in which thou madeſt all things out of nothing, by the Word of thy Power, and all very good; and they continue to this Day according to thine Ordinance, for all are thy Servants. Thou art worthy to receive Bleſſing and Honour and Glory and Power, for thou haſt created all things, and for thy Pleaſure they are and were created. O thou who at firſt didſt command the Light to ſhine out of Darkneſs, who ſaidſt on the firſt Day of the firſt Week, let there be Light, and there was Light; we pray thee ſhine this Day into our Hearts, and give us more and more of the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jeſus Chriſt; and let us be thy Workmanſhip created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good Works; a kind of Firſt Fruits of thy Creatures.

We likewiſe ſanctify this Day to the Honour of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the Eternal Son of God, and our exalted Redeemer, in remembrance of his Reſurrection from the Dead

Dead on the firſt Day of the Week, by which he was declar'd to be the Son of God with Power. We bleſs thee that having laid down his Life to make Atonement for Sin he roſe again for our Juſtification, that he might bring in an everlaſting Righteouſneſs. That the Stone which the Builders refus'd, the ſame is become the Head-ſtone of the Corner; this is the Lord's Doing, and it is marvellous in our Eyes. We bleſs thee that he is riſen from the Dead as the Firſt Fruits of them that ſlept, that he might be the Reſurrection and the Life to us. Now we pray that while we are celebrating the Memorial of his Reſurrection with Joy and Triumph, we may experience in our Souls the Power and Virtue of his Reſurrection, that we may riſe with him, may riſe from the Death of Sin, to the Life of Righteouſneſs, from the Duſt of this World to a holy, heavenly, ſpiritual and divine Life. O that we may be planted together in the likeneſs of Chriſt's Reſurrection, that as Chriſt was raiſed from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, ſo we alſo may walk in Newneſs of Life.

We ſanctify this Day alſo to the Honour of the Eternal Spirit, that bleſſed Spirit of Grace the Comforter, rejoicing at the Remembrance of the Deſcent of the Spirit upon the Apoſtles on the Day of Pentecoſt, the firſt Day of the Week likewiſe. We bleſs thee that when Jeſus was glorified, the Holy Ghoſt was given to make up the Want of his bodily Preſence, to carry on his Undertaking, and to ripen things for his ſecond Coming; and that we have a Promiſe that he ſhall abide with us for ever. And now we

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pray that the Spirit of him that raiſed up Jeſus from the Dead, may dwell and rule in every one of us, to make us Partakers of a new and divine Nature. Come, O bleſſed Spirit of Grace, and breath upon theſe dry Bones, theſe dead Hearts of ours, that they may live, and be in us a Spirit of Faith and Love and Holineſs, a Spirit of Power and of a ſound Mind.

O Lord, we bleſs thee for thy holy Word, which is a Light to our Feet, and a Lamp to our Paths, and which was written for our Learning, that we through Patience and Comfort of the Scriptures might have Hope: That the Scriptures are preſerv'd pure and entire to us, and that we have them in a Language that we underſtand. We beg that we may not receive the Grace of God herein in vain. We bleſs thee that our Eyes ſee the joyful Light, and our Ears hear the joyful Sound of a Redeemer and a Saviour, and of Redemption and Salvation by him; that Life and Immortality are brought to light by the Goſpel. Glory be to God in the higheſt, for in and through Jeſus Chriſt there is on Earth Peace, and Good-will towards Men.

We bleſs thee for the great Goſpel Record, That *God has given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is in his Son.* Lord, we receive it as a faithful Saying, and well worthy of all Acceptation; we will venture our immortal Souls upon it; and we are encourag'd by it to come to thee, to beg for an Intereſt in the Mediation of thy Son. O let him be made of God to us Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and Redemption; let us be effectu-

effectually called into Fellowſhip with him, and by Faith be united to him, ſo that Chriſt may live in us, and we may grow up into him in all things who is the Head; that we may bring forth Fruit in him, and whatever we do in Word or Deed, we may do all in his Name. O let us have the Spirit of Chriſt, that thereby it may appear we are his. And through him we pray that we may have Eternal Life, that we may none of us come ſhort of it, but may all of us have the Firſt Fruits and Earneſts of it abiding in us.

We bleſs thee for the New Covenant made with us in Jeſus Chriſt; that when the Covenant of Innocency was irreparably broken, ſo that it was become impoſſible for us to get to Heaven by that Covenant, thou waſt then pleaſed to deal with us upon new Terms, that we are under Grace and not under the Law; that this Covenant is eſtabliſh'd upon better Promiſes in the Hand of a Mediator. Lord, we fly for Refuge to it, we take hold of it as the Hope ſet before us. O receive us graciouſly into the Bond of this Covenant, and make us accepted in the Beloved, according to the Tenor of the Covenant. Thou haſt declar'd concerning the Lord Jeſus, that he is thy beloved Son in whom thou art well pleaſed, and we humbly profeſs that he is our beloved Saviour, in whom we are well pleaſed: Lord, be well pleaſed with us in him.

O that our Hearts may be fill'd this Day with pleaſing Thoughts of Chriſt, and his Love to us, that great Love wherewith he loved us. O the admirable Dimenſions of that Love, the Height, and Depth, and Length,

Length, and Breadth of the Love of Chriſt, which paſſeth Knowledge: Let this Love conſtrain us to love him and live to him, who died for us and roſe again. O that it may be a Pleaſure and mighty Satisfaction to us to think, that while we are here praying at the Footſtool of the Throne of Grace, our Bleſſed Saviour is ſitting at the Right Hand of the Throne of Glory interceeding for us: We earneſtly beg that through him we may find Favour with thee our God, and may be taken into Covenant and Communion with thee.

We humbly pray thee for his Sake to forgive all our Sins, known and unknown, in Thought, Word, and Deed: Through him let us be acquitted from Guilt, and accepted as righteous in thy Sight: Let us not come into Condemnation, as we have deſerved; let our Iniquity be taken away, and our Sin cover'd; and let us be cloth'd with the ſpotleſs Robe of Chriſt's Righteouſneſs, that the Shame of our Nakedneſs may not appear. O let there be no Cloud of Guilt to interpoſe between us and our God this Day, and to intercept our comfortable Communion with him. And let our Luſts be mortified and ſubdued, that our own Corruptions may not be as a Clog to us, to hinder the Aſcent of our Souls Heaven-wards.

We pray thee aſſiſt us in all the religious Services of this thine own Holy Day: Go along with us to the ſolemn Aſſembly; for if thy Preſence go not up with us, wherefore ſhould we go up? Give us to draw nigh to thee with a true Heart, with a free Heart, with a fixed Heart, and in full Aſſurance

rance of Faith. Meet us with a Bleſſing: Grace thine own Ordinances with thy Preſence, that ſpecial Preſence of thine which thou haſt promis'd there where two or three are gather'd together in thy Name. Help us againſt our manifold Infirmities, and the Sins that do moſt eaſily beſet us in our Attendance upon thee: Let thy Word come with Life and Power to our Souls, and be as good Seed ſown in good Soil, taking Root, and bringing forth Fruit to thy Praiſe: And let our Prayers and Praiſes be ſpiritual Sacrifices, acceptable in thy Sight through Chriſt Jeſus, and let thoſe that tarry at home divide the Spoil.

Let thy Preſence be in all the Aſſemblies of good Chriſtians this Day: Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jeſus Chriſt in Sincerity; let great Grace be upon them all. In the Chariot of the everlaſting Goſpel let the Great Redeemer ride forth triumphantly, conquering and to conquer, and let every Thought be brought into Obedience to him: Let many be brought to believe the Report of the Goſpel, and to many let the Arm of the Lord be revealed: Let Sinners be converted unto thee, and thy Saints edified and built up in Faith, Holineſs and Comfort, unto Salvation: Compleat the Number of thine Elect, and haſten thy Kingdom.

Now the Lord of Peace himſelf give us Peace always by all means. The God of Hope fill us with Joy and Peace in believing for Chriſt Jeſus Sake our Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Family Prayer for the Lord's Day Evening.

O Eternal and for ever bleſſed and glorious Lord God: Thou art God over all, and rich in Mercy to all that call upon thee, moſt Wiſe and Powerful, Holy, Juſt, and Good; the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; our Lord and our God.

Thou art happy without us, and haſt no need of our Services, neither can our Goodneſs extend unto thee; but we are miſerable without thee, we have need of thy Favours, and are undone, for ever undone, if thy Goodneſs extend not unto us; and therefore, Lord, we intreat thy Favour with our whole Heart; O let thy Favour be towards us in Jeſus Chriſt, for our Happineſs is bound up in it, and it is to us better than Life. We confeſs we have forfeited thy Favour, we have render'd our ſelves utterly unworthy of it; yet we are humbly bold to pray for it in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, who loved us, and gave himſelf for us.

We bewail it before thee, that by the Corruption of our Natures, we are become odious to thine Holineſs, and utterly unfit to inherit the Kingdom of God; and that by our many actual Tranſgreſſions we are become obnoxious to thy Juſtice, and liable to thy Wrath and Curſe. Being by Nature Children of Diſobedience, we are Children of Wrath, and have Reaſon both to bluſh and tremble in all our Approaches to the Holy and Righteous God. Even the Iniquity of our

our holy Things would be our Ruin, if God ſhould deal with us according to the Deſert of them.

But with thee, O God, there is Mercy and plenteous Redemption: Thou haſt graciouſly provided for all thoſe that repent and believe the Goſpel, that the Guilt of their Sin ſhall be removed through the Merit of Chriſt's Death, and the Power of their Sins broken by his Spirit and Grace; and he is both ways able to ſave to the uttermoſt all thoſe that come unto God by him, ſeeing he ever lives making Interceſſion for us.

Lord, we come to thee as a Father by Jeſus Chriſt the Mediator, and earneſtly deſire by Repentance and Faith to turn from the World and the Fleſh to God in Jeſus Chriſt, as our Ruler and Portion. We are ſorry that we have offended thee, we are aſham'd to think of our treacherous and ungrateful Carriage towards thee. We deſire that we may have no more to do with Sin, and pray as earneſtly that the Power of Sin may be broken in us, as that the Guilt of Sin may be removed from us; and we rely only upon the Righteouſneſs of Jeſus Chriſt, and upon the Merit of his Death, for the procuring of thy Favour. O look upon us in him, and for his ſake receive us graciouſly, heal our Backſlidings, and love us freely; and let not our Iniquity be our Ruin.

We beg, that being juſtified by Faith, we may have Peace with God through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, whom God hath ſet forth to be a Propitiation for Sin, that he may be juſt, and the Juſtifier of them which believe in Jeſus. Through him who was made Sin for us,

us, tho' he knew no Sin, let us who know no Righteouſneſs of our own, be accepted as righteous.

And the God of Peace ſanctify us wholly; begin and carry on that good Work in our Souls; renew us in the Spirit of our Minds, and make us in every thing ſuch as thou would'ſt have us to be. Set up thy Throne in our Hearts, write thy Law there, plant thy Fear there, and fill us with all the Graces of thy Spirit, that we may be fruitful in the Fruits of Righteouſneſs, to the Glory and Praiſe of God.

Mortify our Pride, and clothe us with Humility; mortify our Paſſion, and put upon us the Ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which is in the ſight of God of great Price. Save us from the Power of a vain Mind, and let thy Grace be mighty in us to make us ſerious and ſober-minded. Let the Fleſh be crucified in us with all its Affections and Luſts, and give us Grace to keep under our Body, and to bring it into ſubjection to the Laws of Religion and right Reaſon, and always to poſſeſs our Veſſel in Sanctification and Honour.

Let the Love of the World be rooted out of us, and that Covetouſneſs which is Idolatry; and let the Love of God in Chriſt be rooted in us. Shed abroad that Love in our Hearts by the Holy Ghoſt, and give us to love thee the Lord our God with all our Heart, and Soul, and Mind, and Might; and to do all we do in Religion from a Principle of Love to thee.

Mortify in us all Envy, Hatred, Malice, and Uncharitableneſs; pluck up theſe Roots

of Bitterneſs out of our Minds, and give us Grace to love one another with a pure Heart fervently, as becomes the Followers of the Lord Jeſus, who has given us this as his new Commandment. O that brotherly Love may continue among us, Love without Diſſimulation.

We pray thee rectify all our Miſtakes; if in any thing we be in an Error diſcover it to us, and let the Spirit of Truth lead us into all Truth, the Truth as it is in Jeſus, the Truth which is according to Godlineſs; and give us that good Underſtanding which they have that do thy Commandments; and let our Love and all good Affections abound in us yet more and more, in Knowledge and in all Judgment.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the Vanity of this World, and its utter Inſufficiency to make us happy, that we may never ſet our Hearts upon it, nor raiſe our Expectations from it; and convince us of the Vileneſs of Sin, and its certain Tendency to make us miſerable, that we may hate it and dread it, and every thing that looks like it, or leads to it.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the Worth of our own Souls, and the Weight of Eternity, and the Awfulneſs of that everlaſting State which we are ſtanding upon the Brink of, and make us diligent and ſerious in our Preparation for it, labouring leſs for the Meat that periſheth, and more for that which endures to Eternal Life; as thoſe who have ſet their Affections on things above, and not on things that are on the Earth, which are trifling and tranſitory.

O that

O that Time and the things of Time may be as nothing to us in compariſon with Eternity, and the things of Eternity; that Eternity may be much upon our Heart, and ever in our Eye; that we may be govern'd by that Faith which is the Subſtance of things hoped for, and the Evidence of things not ſeen; looking continually at the things that are not ſeen that are eternal.

Give us Grace, we pray thee, to look up to the other World with ſuch a holy Concern, as that we may look down upon this World with a holy Contempt and Indifferency, as thoſe that muſt be here but a very little while, and muſt be ſome where for ever; that we may rejoice as tho' we rejoiced not, and weep as tho' we wept not, and buy as tho' we poſſeſſed not, and may uſe this World as not abuſing it, becauſe the Faſhion of this World paſſeth away, and we are paſſing away with it.

O let thy Grace be mighty in us, and ſufficient for us to prepare us for that great Change which will come certainly and ſhortly, and may come very ſuddenly, which will remove us from a World of Senſe to a World of Spirit; from our State of Trial and Probation to that of Recompence and Retribution; and to make us meet for the Inheritance of the Saints in Light, that when we fail we may be received into everlaſting Habitations.

Prepare us, we beſeech thee, for whatever we may meet with betwixt and the Grave: We know not what is before us, and therefore know not what particular Proviſion to make, but thou doſt; and therefore

we beg of thee to fit us by thy Grace for all the Services and all the Sufferings which thou ſhalt at any time call us out to; and arm us againſt every Temptation which we may at any time be aſſaulted with, that we may at all Times and in all Conditions glorify God, keep a good Conſcience, and be found in the way of our Duty, and may keep up our Hope and Joy in Chriſt, and a believing Proſpect of eternal Life, and then welcome the holy Will of God.

Give us Grace, we pray thee, to live a Life of Communion with thee both in Ordinances and Providences, to ſet thee always before us, and to have our Eyes ever up unto thee; and to live a Life of Dependance upon thee, upon thy Power, Providence, and Promiſe, truſting in thee at all times, and pouring out our Hearts before thee; and to live a Life of Devotedneſs to thee, and to thine Honour and Glory, as our higheſt End: And that we may make our Religion not only our Buſineſs, but our Pleaſure, we beſeech thee enable us to live a Life of Complacency in thee, to rejoice in thee always; that making God our Heart's Delight, ſo we may have our Heart's Deſire; and this is our Heart's Deſire, to know, and love, and live to God, to pleaſe him, and to be pleas'd in him.

We beſeech thee, preſerve us in our Integrity to our dying Day, and grant that we may never forſake thee, or turn from following after thee, but that with purpoſe of Heart, we may cleave unto the Lord; and may not count Life it ſelf dear to us, ſo we may but finiſh our Courſe with Joy and true Honour.

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Let thy good Providence order all the Circumſtances of our dying, ſo as may beſt befriend our comfortable Removal to a better World; and let thy Grace be ſufficient for us then to enable us to finiſh well; and let us then have an abundant Entrance miniſter'd to us into the everlaſting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

And while we are here, make us wiſer and better every Day than other; more weaned from the World, and more willing to leave it; more holy, heavenly, and ſpiritual; that the longer we live in this World, the fitter we may be for another World, and our laſt Days may be our beſt Days, our laſt Works our beſt Works, and our laſt Comforts our ſweeteſt Comforts.

We humbly pray thee accompliſh all that which thou haſt promis'd concerning thy Church in the latter Days: Let the Earth be filled with thy Glory. Let the Fulneſs of the Gentiles be brought in, and let all *Iſrael* be ſav'd. Let the Mountain of the Lord's Houſe be eſtabliſh'd upon the Top of the Mountains, and exalted above the Hills, and let all Nations flow unto it.

Propagate the Goſpel in the Plantations, and let the Enlargement of Trade and Commerce contribute to the Enlargement of thy Church. Let the Kingdom of Chriſt be ſet up in all Places upon the Ruins of the Devil's Kingdom.

Haſten the Downfal of the Man of Sin, and let Primitive Chriſtianity, even pure Religion and undefiled before God and the Father, be reviv'd, and be made to flouriſh in all Places; and let the Power of Godlineſs

prevail and get ground among all that have the Form of it.

Let the Wars of the Nations end in the Peace of the Church, the Shakings of the Nations in the Eſtabliſhment of the Church, and the Convulſions and Revolutions of States and Kingdoms in the Settlement and Advancement of the Kingdom of God among Men, that Kingdom which cannot be moved.

Let *Great Britain* and *Ireland* flouriſh in all their publick Intereſts: Let thine everlaſting Goſpel be always the Glory in the midſt of us, and let thy Providence be a Wall of Fire round about us: Deſtroy us not, but let a Bleſſing be among us: even a Meat Offering and a Drink Offering to the Lord our God.

Be very gracious to our Sovereign Lord the King, protect his Perſon, preſerve his Health, prolong his Days, guide his Counſels, let his Reign be proſperous, and crown all his Undertakings for the publick Good.

Bleſs the Privy Counſellors, the Nobility, the Judges, and Magiſtrates in our ſeveral Counties and Corporations; and make them all in their Places faithful and ſerviceable to the Intereſts of the Nation, and every way publick Bleſſings.

Bleſs all the Miniſters of thy Holy Word and Sacraments; make them burning and ſhining Lights, and faithful to Chriſt, and to the Souls of Men. Unite all thy Miniſters and People together in the Truth, and in true Love one to another; pour out a healing Spirit upon them, a Spirit of Love and Charity, mutual Forbearance and Condeſcenſion, that with one Shoulder and with

one Conſent all may ſtudy to promote the common Intereſts of our Great Maſter, and the common Salvation of precious Souls.

We pray thee proſper the Trade of the Nation, guard our Coaſts, diſappoint the Devices of our Enemies againſt us, preſerve the publick Peace, and keep all the People of theſe Lands in Quietneſs among themſelves, and due Subjection to the Authority God hath ſet over us; and let the Lord delight to dwell among us, and to do us good.

Bleſs the Fruits of the Earth, continue our Plenty, abundantly bleſs our Proviſion, and ſatisfy even our Poor with Bread.

We bleſs thee for all the Mercies of this thine own Holy Day; we have reaſon to ſay that a Day in thy Courts is better than a thouſand. How amiable are thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hoſts! Bleſs the Word we have heard this Day to us, and to all that heard it: Hear our Prayers, accept our Praiſes, and forgive what thy pure Eye hath ſeen amiſs in us and our Performances.

Take us under thy Protection this Night, and enable us to cloſe the Day with thee, that we may lie down, and our Sleep may be ſweet. Be with us the Week following in all our Ways; forgive us that we brought ſo much of the Week with us into the Sabbath, and enable us to bring a great deal of the Sabbath with us into the Week, that we may be the fitter for the next Sabbath, if we ſhall live to it.

Make us meet for the everlaſting Sabbath, which we hope to keep within the Vail, when Time and Days ſhall be no more: And let this Day bring us a Sabbath Day's

Journey nearer Heaven, and make us a Sabbath Day's Work fitter for it.

As we began this Lord's Day with the joyful Memorials of Chriſt's Reſurrection, ſo we deſire to conclude it with the joyful Expectation of Chriſt's ſecond Coming, and of our own Reſurrection then to a bleſſed Immortality; triumphing in hope of the Glory of God.

Bleſs the Lord, love the Lord, O our Souls, and let all that is within us love and bleſs his holy Name; for he is good, for his Mercy endures for ever. In praiſing God we deſire to ſpend as much as may be of our Time, that we may begin our Heaven now; for in this good Work we hope to be ſpending a happy Eternity.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Inviſible, the only Wiſe God, and our God, in three Perſons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praiſe henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer proper to be put up by Parents for their Children.

O Lord our God, the God of the Spirits of all Fleſh; all Souls are thine, the Souls of the Parents and the Souls of the Children are thine, and thou haſt Grace ſufficient for both.

Thou waſt our Father's God, and as ſuch we will exalt thee; thou art our Childrens God, and that alſo we will plead with thee; for the Promiſe is to us and our Children; and

and thou art a God in Covenant with Believers, and their Seed.

Lord, it is thy good Providence that hath built us up into a Family: We thank thee for the Children thou haſt graciouſly given thy Servants; the Lord that hath bleſſed us with them make them Bleſſings indeed to us, that we may never be tempted to wiſh we had been written childleſs.

We lament the Iniquity which our Children are conceived and born in; and that corrupt Nature which they derive through our Loins.

But we bleſs thee that there is a Fountain open'd for their cleanſing from that original Pollution, and that they were betimes by Baptiſm dedicated to thee, and admitted into the Bonds and under the Bleſſings of thy Covenant; that they are born in thy Houſe, and taken in as Members of thy Family upon Earth.

It is a Comfort to us to think that they are baptis'd, and we deſire humbly to plead it with thee. They are thine, ſave them; enable them as they become capable to make it their own Act and Deed, to join themſelves unto the Lord, that they may be own'd as thine in that Day when thou makeſt up thy Jewels.

Give them a good Capacity of Mind, and a good Diſpoſition, make them towardly and tractable, and willing to receive Inſtruction; incline them betime to Religion and Virtue: Lord, give them Wiſdom and Underſtanding, and drive out the Fooliſhneſs that is bound up in their Hearts.

Save

Save them from the Vanity which Childhood and Youth is ſubject to, and fit them every Way to live comfortably and uſefully in this World. We ask not for great things in the World for them: Give them, if it pleaſe thee, a ſtrong and healthful Conſtitution of Body, preſerve them from all ill Accidents, and feed them with Food convenient for them, according to their Rank.

But the chief thing we ask of God for them is, that thou wilt pour thy Spirit upon our Seed, even thy Bleſſing, that Bleſſing, that Bleſſing of Bleſſings upon our Off-ſpring, that they may be a Seed to ſerve thee, which ſhall be accounted unto the Lord for a Generation: Give them that good Part, which ſhall never be taken away from them.

Give us Wiſdom and Grace to bring them up in thy Fear, in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, with Meekneſs and Tenderneſs, and having them in Subjection with all Gravity. Teach us how to teach them the Things of God as they are able to bear them, and how to reprove and admoniſh, and when there is need to correct them in a right manner; and how to ſet them good Examples of every thing that is virtuous and praiſe-worthy, that we may recommend Religion to them, and ſo train them up in the Way wherein they ſhould go, that if they live to be old, they may not depart from it.

Keep them from the Snare of evil Company, and all the Temptations to which they are expos'd, and make them betimes ſenſible how much it is their Intereſt as well as their Duty to be religious. And, Lord, grant that none that come of us may come

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ſhort of eternal Life, or be found on the Left Hand of Chriſt in the great Day.

We earneſtly pray that Chriſt may be formed in their Souls betimes, and that the Seeds of Grace may be ſown in their Hearts while they are young; and we may have the Satisfaction of ſeeing them walking in the Truth, and ſetting their Faces Heavenwards. Give them now to hear Counſel and receive Inſtruction, that they may be wiſe in their latter End: and if they be wiſe, our Hearts ſhall rejoice, even ours.

Proſper the Means of their Education; let our Children be taught of the Lord, that great may be their Peace; and give them ſo to know thee the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent, as may be Life eternal to them.

O that they may betimes get Wiſdom, and get Underſtanding, and never forget it: As far as they are taught the Truth as it is in Jeſus, give them to continue in the Things which they have learn'd.

It is our Hearts Deſire and Prayer that our Children may be praiſing God on Earth when we are gone to praiſe him in Heaven, and that we and they may be together for ever ſerving him Day and Night in his Temple.

If it ſhould pleaſe God to remove any of them from us while they are young, let us have Grace ſubmiſſively to reſign them to thee, and let us have a Hope in their Death.

If thou remove us from them while they are young, be thou thy ſelf a Father to them, to teach them and provide for them, for with thee the Fatherleſs findeth Mercy.

Thou

Thou knoweſt our Care concerning them; we caſt it upon thee; our ſelves and ours we commit to thee. Let not the Light of our Family Religion be put out with us, nor that Treaſure be buried in our Graves, but let thoſe that ſhall come after us do thee more and better Service in their Day than we have done in ours, and be unto thee for a Name and a Praiſe.

In theſe Prayers we aim at thy Glory: Father, let thy Name be ſanctified in our Family, there let thy Kingdom come, and let thy Will be done by us and ours as it is done by the Angels in Heaven; for Chriſt Jeſus Sake our Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, whoſe Seed ſhall endure for ever and his Throne as the Days of Heaven. Now to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, that Great and Sacred Name into which we and our Children were baptized, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praiſe henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Uſe of a particular Perſon, before the receiving of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

MOST Holy, and Bleſſed, and Gracious Lord God, with all Humility and Reverence I here preſent my ſelf before thee, to ſeek thy Face and intreat thy Favour, and as an Evidence of thy good Will towards me, to beg that I may experience thy good Work in me.

I acknowledge my ſelf unworthy, utterly unworthy of the Honour; unfit, utterly unfit for the Service to which I am now called. It is an ineſtimable Privilege, that I am admitted ſo often to hear from thee in thy Word, and to ſpeak to thee in Prayer; and yet as if this had been a ſmall Matter, I am now invited into Communion with thee at thy Holy Table, there to celebrate the Memorial of my Saviour's Death, and to partake by Faith of the precious Benefits which flow from it. I who deſerve not the Crumbs, am called to eat of the Childrens Bread.

O Lord, I thank thee for the Inſtitution of this bleſſed Ordinance, this precious Legacy and Token of Love which the Lord Jeſus left to his Church, that it is preſerv'd to this Age; that it is adminiſtred in this Land, that I am admitted to it, and have now before me an Opportunity to partake of it; Lord grant that I may not receive thy Grace herein in vain.

O thou who haſt called me to the Marriage-Supper of the Lamb, give me the Wedding-Garment; work in me a Diſpoſition of Soul, and all thoſe pious and devout Affections which are ſuited to the Solemnities of this Ordinance, and requiſite to qualify me for an acceptable and advantagious Participation of it. Behold the Fire and the Wood, all things are now ready; but where is the Lamb for the Burnt-Offering? Lord provide thy ſelf a Lamb, by working in me all that which thou requireſt of me upon this Occaſion. The Preparation of the Heart, and the Anſwer of the Tongue are both

from

ſtom thee; Lord prepare my unprepared Heart for Communion with thee.

Lord, I confeſs I have ſinned againſt thee, I have done fooliſhly, very fooliſhly, for Fooliſhneſs is bound up in my Heart; I have ſinned and have come ſhort of the Glory of God; I have come ſhort of glorifying thee, and deſerve to come ſhort of being glorified with thee. The Imagination of my Heart is evil continually, and the Bias of my corrupt Nature is very ſtrong towards the World and the Fleſh, and the Gratifications of Senſe; but towards God and Chriſt and Heaven I move ſlowly, and with a great many Stops and Pauſes. Nay, there is in my carnal Mind, a wretched Averſion to divine and ſpiritual Things. I have miſ-ſpent my Time, trifled away my Opportunities, have followed after lying Vanities, and forſaken my own Mercies. God be merciful to me a Sinner! for how little have I done ſince I came into the World of the great Work that I was ſent into the World about.

Thou haſt taken me into Covenant with thee, for I am a baptized Chriſtian, ſet apart for thee, and ſeal'd to be thine; thou haſt laid me, and I alſo have laid myſelf under all poſſible Obligations to love thee, and ſerve thee, and live to thee. But I have ſtarted aſide from thee like a deceitful Bow: I have not made good my Covenant with thee, nor hath the Temper of my Mind, and the Tenor of my Converſation been agreeable to that holy Religion which I make Profeſſion of, to my Expectations from thee, and Engagements to thee. I am bent to backſlide from the living God; and if I were under the

the Law I were undone; but I am under Grace, a Covenant of Grace which leaves room for Repentance, which invites even backſliding Children to return, and promiſeth that their Backſlidings ſhall be healed. Lord, I take hold of this Covenant, ſeal it to me at thy Table. There let me find my Heart truly humbled for Sin, and ſorrowing for it after a godly Sort: O that I may there look on him whom I have pierc'd, and mourn, and be in Bitterneſs for him; that there I may ſow in Tears, and receive a broken Chriſt into a broken Heart: And there let the Blood of Chriſt, which ſpeaks better Things than that of *Abel*, be ſprinkled upon my Conſcience, to purify and pacify that: there let me be aſſur'd that thou art reconcil'd to me, that mine Iniquities are pardon'd, and that I ſhall not come into Condemnation. There ſay unto me, Be of good chear, thy Sins are forgiven thee.

And that I may not come unworthy to this Bleſſed Ordinance, I beſeech thee lead me into a more intimate and experimental Acquaintance with Jeſus Chriſt, and him crucified; with Jeſus Chriſt, and him glorified; that knowing him, and the Power of his Reſurrection, and the Fellowſhip of his Sufferings, and being by his Grace planted in the Likeneſs of both, I may both diſcern the Lord's Body, and ſhew forth the Lord's Death.

Lord, I deſire by a true and lively Faith to cloſe with Jeſus Chriſt, and conſent to him as my Lord, and my God; I here give up my ſelf to him as my Prophet, Prieſt and King,

King, to be rul'd and taught and ſav'd by him; this is my Beloved, and this is my Friend. None but Chriſt, none but Chriſt. Lord increaſe this Faith in me, perfect what is lacking in it; and enable me in receiving the Bread and Wine at thy Table by a lively Faith to receive Chriſt Jeſus the Lord. O let the great Goſpel Doctrine of Chriſt's dying to ſave Sinners, which is repreſented in that Ordinance, be Meat and Drink to my Soul, Meat indeed and Drink indeed. Let it be both nouriſhing and refreſhing to me, let it be both my Strength and my Song, and be the Spring both of my Holineſs and of my Comfort. And let ſuch deep Impreſſions be made upon my Soul, by the actual Commemoration of it, as may abide always upon me, and have a powerful Influence upon me in my whole Converſation, that the Life I now live in the Fleſh I may live by the Faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himſelf for me.

Lord, I beſeech thee fix my Thoughts; let my Heart be engaged to approach unto thee, that I may attend upon thee without Diſtraction. Draw out my Deſires towards thee; give me to hunger and thirſt after Righteouſneſs, that I may be filled; and to draw near to thee with a true Heart, and in full Aſſurance of Faith; and ſince I am not ſtraiten'd in thee, O let me not be ſtraiten'd in my own Boſom.

Draw me, Lord, and I will run after thee, O ſend out thy Light and thy Truth, let them lead and guide me; pour thy Spirit upon me, put thy Spirit within me, to work in me both to will and to do that which is good;

good; and leave me not to my ſelf. Awake, O North Wind, and come thou South, and blow upon my Garden; come, O bleſſed Spirit of Grace, and enlighten my Mind with the Knowledge of Chriſt, bow my Will to the Will of Chriſt, fill my Heart with the Love of Chriſt, and confirm my Reſolutions to live and die with him.

Work in me (I pray thee) a Principle of holy Love and Charity towards all Men, that I may forgive my Enemies, (which by thy Grace I heartily do) and may keep up a ſpiritual Communion in Faith, Hope and holy Love, with all that in every Place call on the Name of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Lord bleſs them all, and particularly that Congregation with which I am to join in this ſolemn Ordinance. Good Lord, pardon every one that engageth his Heart to ſeek God, the Lord God of his Fathers, tho' not cleans'd according to the Purification of the Sanctuary. Hear my Prayers, and heal the People.

Lord, meet me with a Bleſſing, a Father's Bleſſing at thy Table; grace thine own Inſtitutions with thy Preſence; and fulfil in me all the good Pleaſure of thy Goodneſs, and the Work of Faith with Power, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer; to him with the Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be everlaſting Praiſes. *Amen.*

King, to be rul'd and taught and ſav'd by him; this is my Beloved, and this is my Friend. None but Chriſt, none but Chriſt. Lord increaſe this Faith in me, perfect what is lacking in it; and enable me in receiving the Bread and Wine at thy Table by a lively Faith to receive Chriſt Jeſus the Lord. O let the great Goſpel Doctrine of Chriſt's dying to ſave Sinners, which is repreſented in that Ordinance, be Meat and Drink to my Soul, Meat indeed and Drink indeed. Let it be both nouriſhing and refreſhing to me, let it be both my Strength and my Song, and be the Spring both of my Holineſs and of my Comfort. And let ſuch deep Impreſſions be made upon my Soul, by the actual Commemoration of it, as may abide always upon me, and have a powerful Influence upon me in my whole Converſation, that the Life I now live in the Fleſh I may live by the Faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himſelf for me.

Lord, I beſeech thee fix my Thoughts; let my Heart be engaged to approach unto thee, that I may attend upon thee without Diſtraction. Draw out my Deſires towards thee; give me to hunger and thirſt after Righteouſneſs, that I may be filled; and to draw near to thee with a true Heart, and in full Aſſurance of Faith; and ſince I am not ſtraiten'd in thee, O let me not be ſtraiten'd in my own Boſom.

Draw me, Lord, and I will run after thee, O ſend out thy Light and thy Truth, let them lead and guide me; pour thy Spirit upon me, put thy Spirit within me, to work in me both to will and to do that which is good;

good; and leave me not to my ſelf. Awake, O North Wind, and come thou South, and blow upon my Garden; come, O bleſſed Spirit of Grace, and enlighten my Mind with the Knowledge of Chriſt, bow my Will to the Will of Chriſt, fill my Heart with the Love of Chriſt, and confirm my Reſolutions to live and die with him.

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Another after the Receiving of the Lord's Supper.

O Lord, my God and my Father in Jeſus Chriſt, I can never ſufficiently admire the Condeſcention of thy Grace to me; what is Man that thou doſt thus magnify him, and the Son of Man that thou viſiteſt him! Who am I? And what is my Houſe, that thou haſt brought me hitherto; haſt brought me into thy Banqueting Houſe, and thy Banner over me hath been Love? I have reaſon to ſay, that a Day in thy Courts, an Hour at thy Table, is better, far better, than a thouſand Days, than ten thouſand Hours elſewhere; it is good for me to draw near to God. Bleſſed be God for the Privileges of his Houſe; and thoſe Comforts with which he makes his People joyful in his Houſe of Prayer.

But I have reaſon to bluſh and be aſham'd of my ſelf, that I have not been more affected with the great Things which have been ſet before me, and offer'd to me at the Lord's Table. O what a vain, fooliſh trifling Heart have I! when I would do Good, even then Evil is preſent with me; good Lord, be merciful to me, and pardon the Iniquity of my holy Things, and let not my manifold Defects in my Attendance upon thee be laid to my Charge, or hinder my profiting by the Ordinance.

I have now been commemorating the Death of Chriſt; Lord, grant that by the Power of that, Sin may be crucified in me,

the World crucified to me, and I to the World; and enable me ſo to bear about with me continually the dying of the Lord Jeſus, as that the Life alſo of Jeſus may be manifeſted in my mortal Body.

I have now been receiving the precious Benefits which flow from Chriſt's Death; Lord, grant that I may never loſe, may never forfeit thoſe Benefits; but as I have received Chriſt Jeſus the Lord, give me Grace ſo to walk in him, and to live as one that am not my own, but am bought with a Price, glorifying God with my Body and Spirit, which are his.

I have now been renewing my Covenant with thee, and engaging my ſelf afreſh to thee to be thine; now, Lord, give me Grace to perform my Vow. Keep it always in the Imagination of the Thought of my Heart, and eſtabliſh my Way before thee. Lord, preſerve me by thy Grace, that I may never return again to Folly; after God hath ſpoken Peace, may never by my looſe and careleſs Walking undo what I have been doing to Day: But having my Heart enlarged with the Conſolations of God, give me to run the Way of thy Commandments with Chearfulneſs and Conſtancy, and ſtill to hold faſt my Integrity.

This precious Soul of mine, which is the Work of thine own Hands, and the Purchaſe of thy Son's Blood, I commit into thy Hands, to be ſanctified by thy Spirit and Grace, and wrought up into a Conformity to thy holy Will in every thing: Lord, ſet up thy Throne in my Heart, write thy Law there, ſhed abroad thy Love there, and

bring every Thought within me into Obedience to thee, to the commanding Power of thy Law, and the conſtraining Power of thy Love. Keep through thine own Name that which I commit unto thee, keep it againſt that Day when it ſhall be called for; let me be preſerv'd blameleſs to the Coming of thy Glory, that I may then be preſented faultleſs with exceeding Joy.

All my outward Affairs I ſubmit to the Diſpoſal of thy Wiſe and Gracious Providence; Lord, ſave my Soul, and then as to other Things do what thou pleaſeſt with me; only make all Providences to work together for my Spiritual and Eternal Advantage. Let all things be pure to me, and give me to taſte Covenant-Love in common Mercies; and by thy Grace let me be taught both how to want and how to abound, how to enjoy Proſperity, and how to bear Adverſity as becomes a Chriſtian; and at all times let thy Grace be ſufficient for me, and mighty in me, to work in me both to will and to do that which is good of thine own good Pleaſure.

And that in every thing I may do my Duty, and ſtand compleat in it, let my Heart be enlarged in Love to Jeſus Chriſt, and affected with the height and depth, the length and breadth of that Love of his to me, which paſſeth all Conception and Expreſſion.

And as an Evidence of that Love, let my Mouth be filled with his Praiſes: Worthy is the Lamb that was ſlain, to receive Bleſſing and Honour, and Glory and Power; for he was ſlain, and hath redeemed a choſen Remnant unto God by his Blood, and made them

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to him Kings and Prieſts. Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and let all that is within me bleſs his holy Name, who forgiveth all mine Iniquities, and healeth all my Diſeaſes; who redeemeth my Life from Deſtruction, and crowneth me with loving Kindneſs and tender Mercy; who having begun a good Work will perform it unto the Day of Chriſt. As long as I live I will bleſs the Lord, I will praiſe my God while I have any Being; and when I have no Being on Earth, I hope to have a Being in Heaven to be doing it better. O let me be born up in everlaſting Arms, and carried from Strength to Strength, till I appear before God in *Zion*; for Jeſus Sake, who died for me, and roſe again, in whom I deſire to be found living and dying. Now to God the Father, Son, and Spirit, be aſcribed Kingdom, Power and Glory, henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

An Addreſs to God before Meat.

O Lord our God, in thee we live and move and have our Being, and from thee we receive all the Supports and Comforts of our Being: Thou ſpreadeſt our Table and filleſt our Cup, and comforteſt us with the Gifts of thy Bounty from Day to Day. We own our Dependance upon thee, and our Obligations to thee: Pardon our Sins, we pray thee; ſanctify thy good Creatures to our Uſe, and give us Grace to receive them ſoberly and thankfully, and to eat and drink not to our ſelves, but to thy Glory,

Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another.

GRacious God, Thou art the Protector and Preſerver of the whole Creation, thou haſt fed us all our Life long unto this Day with Food convenient for us, tho' we are evil and unthankful. We pray thee forgive all our Sins by which we have forfeited all thy Mercies, and let us ſee our forfeited Right reſtored in Chriſt Jeſus: Give us to taſte Covenant-Love in Common Mercies, and to uſe theſe and all our Creature-Comforts to the Glory of our Great Benefactor, through the Grace of our Great Redeemer. *Amen.*

An Addreſs to God after Meat.

BLeſſed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his Benefits, and gives us all things richly to enjoy, tho' we ſerve him but poorly: O Lord, we thank thee for preſent Refreſhments in the Uſe of thy good Creatures, and for thy Love to our Souls in Jeſus Chriſt, which ſweetens all: We pray thee pardon our Sins, go on to do us good, provide for the Poor that are deſtitute of daily Food, fit us for thy whole Will, and be our God and Guide, and Portion for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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WE thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for all the Gifts both of thy Providence and of thy Grace, for thoſe Bleſſings which relate to the Life that now is, and that to come; for the Uſe of thy good Creatures at this time: Perfect, O God, that which concerns us, nouriſh our Souls with the Bread of Life to Life Eternal; and let us be of thoſe that ſhall eat Bread in the Kingdom of our Father, for Chriſt Jeſus ſake our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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